

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

May 14th, 2013

In Attendance: Committee Chairman: Ray Hendrick, Committee Members: Don Richardson, Sean Sablosky, Jeff Fehr, Jeannine Mitchell and Board of Supervisors Liaison: Tom Scarborough, Board of Supervisors Members: Rick Colello and Shawn Touhill and Staff Liaison: Sandra Brookley Zadell, Assistant Township Manager.

Mr. Hendrick thanked attendees for planting trees on Arbor Day and for participating in the Great American Cleanup day. He reported that the Township utilized his native plant list and that they look good, and are thriving.

Minutes approval:

On a motion made by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Jeannine Mitchell the April 9th meeting minutes were approved.

Magnet Fundraiser:

Mr. Touhill presented his idea to start a license plate fundraiser. He stated we could focus on a specific committee within the township, specifically for the EAC. He stated its really an outreach idea, and since the EAC does so much outreach the idea fits with the EACs goals and could serve as a fundraiser for some of their initiatives. The committee discussed different ways the program could be structured, and will revisit the idea at a future meeting.

Contract Trash:

Mr. Hendrick reported that although we do have a quorum tonight, we don't have Kellie McGOWans revisions to the Trash Memo and RFP. Hopefully we will have them and a quorum at the next meeting.

Videos for EAC Hour:

Mr. Hendrick reported on some videos he can get from the game commission, and Mrs. Zadell reported she will follow up with the Township Intern to see where we are on the bird next video feeds. Mr. Fehr reported he looked at videos for groundwater and groundwater contamination but they seemed overly technical. Mr. Sablosky reported he looked into videos regarding stormwater but they aren't always pertinent to our geographic area.

Birdtown:

Mrs. Mitchell reported on a recent presentation that she attended at Honey Hollow. She thought we may be able to utilize the information from that presentation for our TV channel. Mrs. Zadell will contact Bucks County Conservation District to see if Mary Ellen Noon would be willing to do her presentation as a voiceover for the EAC.

Mr. Hendrick thanked the Township maintenance staff that did all the work for the bird blind, it looks perfect and was done exactly to the EACs specifications.

Mrs. Mitchell presented the various items within our Township Bird Town kit such as recognition signs. She also presented the requirements to register your backyard. She

explained that as the Township's Big Bird she will help people design Bird Town friendly habitats in their own backyard. She will forward that to Sandra for distribution via the Google group. Mr. Hendrick will present it to the Board of Supervisors at a meeting as well.

Mrs. Zadell will also request a table for Mrs. Mitchell at the Summer Concert Series so that she can spread the word there as well.

Mr. Hendrick pointed out the new signs at the gateways to the Township, he thinks they look great and they incorporate both the Bird Town and Tree City logos.

Mr. Hendrick reported we have about 30 people registered for the Bird Walk from ages 3-90! Mrs. Zadell will make laminated sign with the Bird Town Logo for the event.

Demo garden:

Mrs. Mitchell will distribute her memo regarding the Demonstration Garden via email and it will be on our next agenda to approve and forward to the Park and Recreation Board.

Great Trees:

Mr. Richardson reported on a meeting the Shade Tree Commission attended regarding mapping the great trees of Bucks County. Dave Benner is running the program; our EAC will have to plug in which trees are "Great". This way the mapping will be uniform county wide. Mr. Hendrick made it clear that we only want to participate in our Township; they said that would be fine.

2013 Summit:

Mrs. Zadell reported we only have 10 rsvp's at this point. Mr. Hendrick will get the food, Mrs. Zadell will make sure the room is set to a classroom set up, and create an agenda.

Identifying Sensitive Environmental Areas in the Park:

Mr. Hendrick will create a memo to the Park and Recreation Board that Mrs. Zadell will email to the Committee, or can be addressed at an upcoming meeting.

Other Business:

Mr. Sablosky will chair next meeting because Mr. Hendrick will be out of Town. Mrs. Zadell will work with him to plan the agenda.

Mr. Sablosky discussed some concerns he has regarding the Open Burning Ban in the Township. He would like to discuss the ban and why we have it. He feels brush is very expensive to take care of if you can't burn it. Mr. Fehr mentioned that we have had the burning ban in Doylestown Township for over 20 years. Mrs. Zadell mentioned that burning is tied to our state funding for recycling performance funding. Mrs. Zadell will get the history of the burning ban for the next meeting. Mr. Hendrick requested tabling the burning discussion until July when he will be at the meeting.

Mrs. Mitchell presented two riparian buffer brochures that she would like the Township to work on combining. She thought they could be used in outreach to homeowners along the riparian buffer.

Mr. Fehr brought up a concern regarding the riparian buffer along the back of Del Val's property which isn't shaded and frequently has life stock crazing through it. Mr. Richardson will find out about the lack of a fence and report back to the Committee.

On a motion made by Jeff Fehr, seconded by Sean Sablosky the committee adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra B. Zadell
Assistant Township Manager