

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
October 8, 2013

In Attendance: Ray Hendrick, Chairman; Sean Sablosky, Vice Chairman; Bill Lloyd, Don Richardson, Committee Members; Tom Scarborough, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Rick Colello, Board of Supervisors Member, Sandra Brookley Zadell, Assistant Township Manager, Staff Liaison and Doug Linde, Resident Visitor.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Richardson, the meeting minutes from August 13, 2013 were approved. Motion passed.

Mr. Linde reported he was attending the meeting due to his letter sent to the EAC earlier this month regarding trash collection.

The committee reviewed the Trash Collection Packet that Mrs. Zadell prepared to go to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Sablosky questioned why there was nothing in the packet regarding recycling efficiency per hauler and his point that as per our recycling consultant Tom Hough companies like Republic have very high recycling efficiency versus the normal respondents to contracts.

Mrs. Zadell reported that the actual packet going to the Board of Supervisors doesn't have an actual RFP for Doylestown Township just examples of those in the model RFP's to give the Board an idea of the differences between two types of programs.

Mrs. Zadell stated that Mr. Linde's letter will be included in the Trash Collection Packet that goes to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Hendrick presented his proposal for a video for the EAC Hour, "The Inconvenient Truth" by Al Gore.

On a motion made by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Richardson the EAC approved submitting the film for the EAC Hour. The motion passed.

Mr. Sablosky commented that he will bring a video next month that addresses the issues addressed in an "Inconvenient Truth", and negates some of the premises addressed in that video. Mr. Hendrick agreed to watch the video.

Mrs. Zadell will forward it on to the appropriate parties.

Mr. Hendrick also presented the movie "The Queen of the Sun", regarding the collapse of the honey bee.

Members of the EAC will attempt to watch that film this month to discuss at next month's meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, the Committee approved the Demonstration Garden Memo. The motion passed. The memo will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Lloyd reported no update this month on great trees but he will be going to a meeting this Thursday and should have an update next month.

The Committee reviewed the signs and memo for the Sensitive Environmental Areas, which Mr. Hendrick presented.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Lloyd the committee voted to send the memo and sign examples to the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed.

Mrs. Zadell will get sign pricing for Mr. Hendricks before his presentation.

The Committee discussed the magnet decal fundraiser program.

Mrs. Zadell will resend the specs that she presented before on the magnets to the EAC, they will move forward with discussing program specifics at their next meeting.

The Committee reviewed the Riparian Buffer letter.

On motion made by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Richardson the Committee voted to generate a list of riparian buffer properties and send them the approved letter. The motion passed.

Mrs. Zadell will forward this information to Ms. Mason for approval.

The Committee reviewed the Big Green Box issue.

Mr. Sablosky cited the article that he has sent to the Committee stating that there is a negative effect in battery recycling.

Mrs. Zadell suggested that Mr. Fehr's opinion on the Big Green Box would be really useful to have. She will resend to all members of the EAC Mr. Sablosky's article and the response that the Big Green Box Company provided.

We hope to have a decision by the next meeting.

Mrs. Zadell presented on the Tree Vitalize Grant opportunities.

The Committee brainstormed several areas that will be great for a tree vitalize planting. The best idea was decided to be Castle Valley Park along the Neshaminy Creek.

Mrs. Zadell will contact Megan from Bucks County Conservation District to follow up.

Mrs. Zadell presented a quick Chem-fab update about the site in the Borough and the fact that the EPA did finally get funding to remediate the site and do soil remediation and that they added additional monitoring wells to keep an eye on the flow of pollution.

The Committee discussed the Open Burning issue that Mr. Sablosky raised. He pointed out that several residents he knows wish that the Open Burning Ordinance would be repealed. He stated that he has brought proof of other communities that have interpreted the state laws differently, such as Radnor Township. They differentiated between the burning of leaves and the burning of wood.

Several members of the Committee pointed out that high brush piles eventually rot down and if you leave your brush or leaves to lie, eventually they will decompose.

Mr. Lloyd stated that there are not many people in the Township that would need to burn very much since they have smaller lots. Even with an ordinance like Radnor, people would be confused and still burn leaves.

Mrs. Zadell suggested that Mr. Sablosky recommend the Township's Leaf and Yard Waste Drop off Site to his neighbors who are concerned about open burning.

The EAC came to a consensus to stick with the status quo of our Open Burning Ordinance as is.

Mr. Hendrick reviewed correspondence.

First, was the resignation of Kevin Brand. Mr. Hendrick reported that we have a vacancy, which will be posted on the Township Website.

The Committee reviewed the DEP letters and the announcements and calendar.

Mr. Sablosky suggested that it would be a great idea to include in the newsletter, a call for old binoculars to be used during the Bird Walks.

Mrs. Zadell stated that it was a great idea.

On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Sablosky the committee adjourned at 8:11PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Brookley Zadell, Assistant Township Manager