

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
May 10, 2011

In Attendance: Keith Peters, Chairman, Bill Lloyd, Ethan Prout, Don Richardson, Rick Colello & Tom Scarborough, Board of Supervisors & Sandra Zadell, Assistant Township Manager, Staff Liaison.

There was no quorum at this meeting so these will be referred to as meeting notes.

Mr. Peters began the discussion talking about the 2011 EAC Summit which is going to be occurring on May 25, 2011, it will still be held in the Coffee House, around 30 attendees are expected at this point and we want to stay in the Coffee House so we will not be in too large of a space.

Mr. Peters stated that we did raise about \$400 to sponsor this EAC Summit, he was able to purchase 50 thumb drives so all 6 presentations can be put on thumb drives and we will be green and reduce paper use at the summit.

Mr. Lloyd will check into the catering services at Delaware Valley College for the summit and report back to the committee via email.

Mrs. Zadell will make signs in advance of the summit to direct people to the Coffee House; she will also have clap board signs for that purpose. She will also bring the Township laptop. Mr. Peters stated that he would like to do a dry run at the College one to two days in advance to make sure we know how to operate the equipment.

Mr. Richardson reported that the Open Space Committee met and that they are evaluating three different properties to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors about ant that they also are active with Bike & Hike Trails at this point.

The committee then reviewed the 2011 Budget, they have \$1,690 left in their account, and they envision that they will be spending \$1,300 this year on Big Green Boxes which means that they will have \$390 left to spend this year.

Mr. Peters broached the subject of storm drain stenciling. He and Mrs. Zadell have been unhappy with the fading that is happening with the stenciled storm drains all over the Township, they believe that we should move to plastic storm drain medallions, which are affixed to the curb with epoxy. Mrs. Zadell will get new pricing for these plastic markers as well as the epoxy and see if we can start with a \$200 - \$300 order, so that the Eagle Scout, Matt McGurk, who is interested in doing another stenciling project will be able to do that this summer.

Mr. Peters brought up the Leaf & Yard Waste Drop-off, he stated that another resident, Mr. Ken Snyder, had asked him about more drop-offs, possibly doing multiple in just the spring and fall time frames. Mr. Peters suggested that we partner with another

municipality such as New Britain Borough to help pay for the over time on the cost for that. Another option is Mr. Peters stated was brought up by Mr. John about possibly doing a curb side stick collection, which would be done during regular business hours by the road crew instead of having to pay additional overtime.

Another idea was brought up by Mr. Lloyd to see if residential landscapers would be able to utilize the site on one day per week during the busy spring and fall time period, where they could get a receipt from the resident where the work was preformed, as long as they were working for a township resident we would allow them to drop off for recycling.

Mrs. Zadell stated that when she spoke with Art Feltes the Recycling coordinator at the County, he did state that our leaf and yard waste numbers were a little below what they should be and we should try to bolster those numbers. Mr. Peters also stated that the traffic flow, currently at the site is difficult to manage. Mr. Lloyd will check with Delaware Valley College about these issues.

Mrs. Zadell reported that the survey is in newsletter that will be in homes May 25, 2011 and that she will, during the week of May 25th update our TV Channel and website to include the survey monkey information.

Mr. Peters reported that Mr. Shawn Touhill was appointed to the North Branch Watershed Association as a member of the EAC.

The Committee discussed the potential of having a shred event in fall of 2011, Mrs. Zadell stated that we do have a lot of residents that call and ask about shred events but we do not have any scheduled due to budgetary constraints.

The EAC discussed the potential of doing some fundraising to pay for a shred event and possibly partnering with Delaware Valley College or another municipality. The potential time frame for the shred event was discussed as October 2011.

An invitation to the PEC Dinner was received and discussed; the tickets are \$100 per person, the PEC recommends the purchase of 2 tickets for \$200 for two people to attend the dinner, however, none of the EAC members are interested in attending.

Neamond Land Development Plan: Mr. Prout reported that there is no Phase 1 in the report that they submitted to the EAC and that it doesn't seem to be a comprehensive report. The EAC still may want to see a comprehensive Phase 1 and Phase 2 report as they have several important questions.

1. Was a ASTM Environmental Phase 1 site assessment completed at the site –
Yes or No
2. Is the lighting that is going to be installed at the site full cut off –
Yes or No

The EAC review indicates that a limited study on the site was completed. They will forward the information to Mr. Prout & Mr. Feldman to create a memo with short succinct questions that they want from the developer.

Mr. Peters reported that the TAB board did get an answer on the Government Access Channel from Doylestown Hospital that was asked by Mr. Feldman, regarding why the Government Access Channel is not broadcast at the hospital. The hospital has Direct TV and this is why they do not offer the Government Access Channel. Mr. Peters had asked the TAB board if we could do a short intro and exit slide for the EAC programming, which the TAB board is reviewing.

They discussed other potential programming that they could probably add to the Government Access Channel for the EAC Hour. Some of the ideas were: Tree City, Bird Town videos and also a Marcellus Shale Video, Mr. Prout will reach out to his contacts to see if we can get a Marcellus Shale Video, Mr. Lloyd will follow up with Bird City.

Mr. Peters brought up the issue of the Shade Tree Commission and the historic tree registry that they have been working on. One of the residents who has a historic tree again and thinks it is time to move forward with creating a possible proclamation that the Board of Supervisors can make declaring some of these trees historic trees. He would like to schedule a visit for the spring when the leaves are actually on the trees and take some pictures of the trees. He will work with Mrs. Zadell on that.

The committee then adjourned at 8:15pm.