

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
April 9, 2013

In Attendance: Committee Chairman: Ray Hendrick, Committee Members: Don Richardson, Sean Sablosky, Kelly McGowan and Board of Supervisors Liaison: Tom Scarborough, Board of Supervisors Member: Rick Colello, Staff Liaison: Sandra Brookley Zadell, Assistant Township Manager.

Mr. Hendrick began the meeting by showing a newspaper article from April 9, 1994, showing the groundbreaking at Central Park.

At this point in the meeting there was no quorum.

The committee reviewed the draft memo that Ms. McGowan distributed. She stated that she tried to keep the memo short and sweet and focus on the environmental issues such as air quality, recycling, impact on roads, etc. She asked the group if they felt more specifics should be added to the memo.

Mr. Richardson suggested adding more detail, such as the results of the surveys that we sent to the residents, the municipal managers etc. Mr. Hendrick thanked Ms. McGowan for her time and effort and reminded everyone that the EAC's mission is to comment on environmental issues.

Ms. McGowan will send another email with the memo attached to get more feedback on the RFP and memo to the rest of the EAC committee members.

Mrs. Zadell will forward that information to Ms. McGowan with the survey results from the Survey Monkey site.

Mr. Hendrick brought up a book that he received, "*Birds of Bucks County*", he would like to distribute it at his Bird Walk. On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Ms. McGowan the EAC decided to move forward to include the distribution of the "*Birds of Bucks County*" at the Bird Walk on May 18, 2013.

Mrs. Zadell reported that the memo had been sent to our Director of Public Works to make the bird blind adjustments and they are working on that now.

Mrs. Zadell presented the posters the EAC wants posted in the Bird Blind, they cost \$19.95 each. On a motion made by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Ms. McGowan the committee voted to purchase the posters. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was the Historic Tree Program. Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Richardson, Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Lloyd are the members of the Shade Commission. They are going to be meeting with Dave Benner, who is working on historic trees in Bucks County.

Mrs. Zadell pointed out that they really need to commit to create an actual recognition program for significant trees.

Mr. Hendrick also stated that John Rogers, who is the author of "*Designing with Natives*", will be able to be a speaker at the upcoming EAC Summit.

The committee discussed how the summit should be structured, it was decided that it would be best to keep the focus simple, things we can do in our own backyard. Mrs. Zadell suggested that they also check with Doylestown Borough since they are cohosting for their suggestions.

The committee asked that Mrs. Zadell send out the Save the Dates, she will do that as soon as possible.

There will be follow up with Doylestown Borough to decide on the final topics. The final invitations will be emailed.

The EAC reviewed their correspondence.

There was correspondence regarding feeding deer; after review the committee decided that without more information such as who wrote the letter, it is very hard to issue a response.

Mrs. Zadell reported that the EAC will be hosting a Composting Seminar with our Park & Recreation Department this coming September.

Mr. Sablowsky asked where the revenue goes from these types of EAC programs. Mrs. Zadell answered that it goes to the Park & Recreation Department. Mr. Sablowsky suggested that possibly we could recoup some of that funding and use it for the EAC's budget.

Mr. Hendrick is still working on identifying sensitive areas in the park with the Park & Recreation Board.

Mrs. Zadell presented Mr. Touhill's idea of a magnet fundraiser for the EAC. He suggested selling a car magnet similar to what you see people who have completed a marathon or to represent locations.

The EAC discussed what type picture should be on the magnet. Mr. Sablowsky suggested utilizing something that is already identifiable, such as the Township Seal. The committee decided to table this issue until Mr. Touhill can attend so we can get more information on what his idea was for the project.

On a motion made by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Richardson the committee adjourned at 7:57PM.

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