

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
June 10, 2014

In Attendance: Ray Hendrick; Chairman, Don Richardson, Vice Chairman; Jeannine Mitchell, Sean Sablosky, Marty Brooks, Ken Snyder, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Ashley Thompson, Special Projects Coordinator, Stephanie Mason, Township Manager

Minutes

Approval from April 8, 2014 on motion of Mr. Sablosky, seconded by Mr. Richardson motion carried.

Approval from May 13, 2014 on motion of Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Richardson motion carried. Mr. Hendrick abstained due to his absence at the meeting.

Ms. Mitchell had a correction that the “many trees and shrubs” in the Native Demonstration Garden section be corrected to “many shrubs.” Ms. Thompson will make the correction in the May minutes.

Environmental Advisory Council Member Appointment

Mr. Hendrick introduced Martin Brooks, newest member of the Environmental Advisory Council appointed by the Board of Supervisors at the June 3, 2014 meeting.

The Enclave at Towns Edge

Environmental Advisory Council pleased with the efforts of the builder to adhere to the planting of native shrubs and trees as has been our policy.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hendrick motion carried; the Council will send a review letter to the Planning Commission.

Nesting Bird Signs – Central Park

Mr. Hendrick reported that the recommendation from the EAC in regards to the wording of the Nesting Bird Signs was on the Board of Supervisors agenda at their June 3, 2014 meeting. The Board of Supervisors approved the wording of the signs.

Mr. Snyder reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the informational kiosk located at the Designated Wildlife Protection Area to help educate residents about the sensitive area. The EAC was in favor of the kiosk and asked for two kiosks; one located at the New Britain entrance and one located at the top of the hill at Kid’s Castle. Mr. Snyder will present the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at their next scheduled meeting.

DTV Programming

Mr. Hendrick reported that he spoke with Keith Peters will be working with Mr. Hendrick to create new environmental programming pieces for the government access channel's EAC Hour. Mr. Hendrick reported that currently Mr. Peters has been filming footage of the process of the Native Plant Demonstration Garden. Ms. Mason suggested that Mr. Hendrick use the Township "GoPro" camera while on his Township Bird Walks.

Ms. Thompson reported that she had spoken with Hawk Mountain and there is a short film on the Hawk Mountain website that could be used by the Township.

Riparian Buffers

Mr. Hendrick reported that the EAC received an email from Robert Stracuzzi of 125 Glen Drive in regards to the Riparian Buffer letter that he received in April. Mr. Hendrick reported that Mr. Stracuzzi requested that Mr. Hendrick visit his property and look at his riparian buffer area. Ms. Mitchell reported that she would be more than happy to join Mr. Hendrick. Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Hendrick will set up a time to visit the property.

EAC Representative for the Public Water Sewer Advisory Council (PWSAC)

Mr. Sablosky volunteered to be the EAC representative for the PWSAC.

EAC Summit

Mr. Hendrick reported the success of the 2014 EAC Summit. Mr. Hendrick thanked Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Noonan for their performance of "The Adventures of Dr. Lepidoptera and Monica the Monarch."

The Environmental Advisory Council would like to invite Richard John, Director of Operations and Butch Froehlich, Parks Superintendent to a meeting to discuss the process of bids for maintenance of Township environmental parcels.

Birdtown Native Plant Demonstration Garden Work Session

Ms. Mitchell shared with the committee that she has a work day at the Native Plant Demonstration Garden on Tuesday, June 17th from 9 a.m. to noon, weather permitting. Ms. Mitchell explained that they currently have five volunteers coming to help. The goal of work session will be weeding, removing some non-native species that are still on the site, and planting some small shrubs and perennials.

Ms. Mitchell reported that will be using the donated \$100 for the "Bird on An Wire Award" for "Backyard Conservation Design of the Month Award" and \$50.00 donated from her husband Steve, to purchase items at Collins Native Plants Nursery in Glenside to be planted during the work session next week. Mr. Brooks reported that he has ferns

that could be donated to the garden and Mr. Hendrick has more red buds to be donated as well.

Mr. Hendrick reported that Ms. Mitchell's husband, Steve Dylinski has volunteered to visit local nurseries in the area and speak to the nurseries about donations to the the Native Plant Demonstration Garden. Mr. Hendrick requested a letter from the Township. Ms. Mason reported that the Township could compose a letter for Mr. Dylinski.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Thompson, Special Projects Coordinator

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