

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
April 8, 2014

In Attendance: Ray Hendrick, Chairman; Don Richardson, Vice Chairman; Jeannine Mitchell, Sean Sablosky, Ken Snyder, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Rick Colello, Board of Supervisors Member, Ashley Thompson, Special Projects Coordinator, Alice Sparks, and Carrie Gamble, Guest.

Minutes

Approval from February 11, 2014 on motion of Mr. Sablosky, seconded by Mr. Richardson motion carried. Mrs. Mitchell abstained due to her absence at the meeting.

Guest:

Alice Sparks attended the meeting due to her concern about the ground nesting bird protection signs located in Central Park. Mr. Hendrick will be writing a newsletter article clarifying the issue of dogs in relation to the ground nesting habit in Central Park.

Casa Bella Subdivision

After review of the plans for the Casa Bella Subdivision the EAC questioned the density of native trees and shrubs. Overall the EAC is pleased with the efforts of the builder to adhere to the planting of native shrubs and trees when planning a new development.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Sablosky the committee unanimously approved plan for Casa Bella Subdivision and question was sent to the Planning Commission

Birdtown Demonstration Garden

Ms. Mitchell shared with the committee the progress of the Native Plant Demo Garden Phase 1 that was completed on March 22, 2014 and that the area is about 25-30% cleared. She shared with the committee that there will be two days of working on the garden; this Thursday, April 10th about 6 volunteers will be going to the garden for more clearing. On Friday, April 11th, she explained that 10 volunteers from PECO will be removing brambles from the garden as volunteer day project by PECO. Ms. Mitchell hopes to plant some small trees and shrubs this year in the garden.

Ms. Mitchell also shared with the committee, that she was awarded \$100 for the “Bird on An Wire Award” for “Backyard Conservation Design of the Month Award.” She would like to use this award money to purchase native plants for the garden. She also explained there are more awards to qualify for through the “Bird on a Wire Awards.”

Great Trees

Mr. Hendrick explained that Mr. Lloyd who has not been able to attend meetings. He explained will we keep this on the agenda until Mr. Lloyds return.

Magnet/Decal Fundraiser

Mr. Hendrick shared with the committee two magnet/decals templates that were created. This item is under further review and will be discussed at the next meeting in May.

Riparian Buffers

Ms. Thompson explained Phase I of the Riparian Buffer mailing was sent out on March 12, 2014. There was overwhelming positive response to the letter and pamphlet that was sent to residents along a riparian buffer in the Township. Mr. Hendrick shared with the committee, that he had spoken to several residents who were pleased with the information.

Ms. Thompson explained that there are roughly 500 mailings that need to be sent out. The committee agreed to send out the rest of the mailings as the spring and summer months are approaching.

On motion of Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Richardson the committee unanimously approved mailing out the rest of the list.

The committee discussed the idea of what the benefits could be for the residents maintaining their own riparian buffer area. The committee will discuss further ideas.

Rain Garden

Mr. Hendrick explained that they are hoping to complete the Rain Garden in Central Park after the Native Plant Demonstration Garden is finished.

DTV Programming

After meeting with the Telecommunications Advisory Board, Ms. Thompson indicated to the committee that there is a need for new programming for the EAC hour.

EAC Summit

Ms. Thompson shared with the committee that the annual EAC Summit will be held here at the Township in the Activity Center on Thursday, May 22nd from 7-9pm. She explained this is hosted by the Doylestown Township and Borough EAC's and expenses will be split between each.

PECO Volunteer Day

Ms. Mitchell provided the committee again with information regarding the PECO Volunteer day this Friday, April 11th. Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Hendrick will meet the PECO volunteers in Central Park and will spend the day out at the Native Plant Demonstration Garden, hoping to complete Phase III of the garden.

Shred Event

Ms. Thompson indicated that the Township shred event will take place this year on Saturday, June 28th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

DCNR/Heritage Conservancy

Mary Ellen Noonan requested an EAC member to attend the Conservation District's summer workshops that will be spent half day in Central Park. Mr. Hendrick responded that he will attend.

Other Business:

Arbor Day will be on Saturday, April 26th starting at 8:30 am at the Sensory Trail located at the back of Central Park off the New Britain Rd entrance.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:09PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Thompson, Special Projects Coordinator

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