

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Notes by Autumn Canfield
August 11th, 2015

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In Attendance: EAC Members: Raymond Hendrick (Chairman), Dr. Tanya Casas, Jeannine Mitchell, Sean Sablosky; Supervisors: Ken Snyder (Liaison); Township Staff: Mr. Richard John (Operations Manager), Autumn Canfield (Special Projects Coordinator); Guest attendance: Mr. Baldassarre

Meeting began at 7:00pm
Mr. Hendrick called meeting to order.

Mr. Hendrick began by distributing the "Grease" flyer for the Doylestown Concert the following night and encouraging attendance at the event.

Minutes Approval

Mr. Sablosky moved to approve the minutes of June 9th, 2015, Dr. Casas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Plan Review

There were no plans to review.

BCCD Award

Mr. Hendrick read the proclamation for the Bucks County Conservation District Conservation Group of the Year Award.

Bridge Point Planting

Ms. Canfield reported on the progress of the plans to plant at Bridgepoint Park. Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Mason, Mr. John and Ms. Canfield went to the park with the approved list of trees to map out the locations of each plant. It was decided that the first Saturday of October, the 3rd would be the designated planting date. Ms. Canfield will order trees and with help from Mrs. Mitchell and Dr. Casas will gather volunteers for that day.

Treevitalize 2016

Mrs. Canfield asked the group if they would like to apply to the current round for the Treevitalize grant. They agreed that they did and would like to do a planting at Nieman's Trail behind Doylestown Crossing. Mrs. Canfield will put the appropriate packet together and send application for the grant.

Burpee Seed

Mr. Hendrick reported that he and Mrs. Canfield reach out to Burpee Seed company for a donation of seed packets to be handed out at EAC functions such as Jeannine's workshop in September. The group agreed this was a good idea. At this point, we are waiting to hear back from the company.

Meadow Issue

Mr. Hendrick brought up an issue regarding the meadow around Pine Run Reservoir. There are several entities that share the concern that this meadow is being mowed inappropriately. It was requested that the meadow be left alone and only be mowed twice a year out of nesting season as it is natural habitat

for ground nesting birds. It was said that this could be accommodated; however the meadow was mowed again anyway. The committee approved a formal letter requesting that mowing be done only once or twice a year and out of nesting season of the birds. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to write the letter and Dr. Casas seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Hendrick will draft the letter for distribution.

Central Park Meadow Restoration

After official business completed, Mr. Hendrick lead the group on a tour of the meadows. He pointed out various bird boxes and species of plants. As we walked there was a discussion of the importance of meadows for species such as ground nesting birds. It was decided that the meadow should only be mowed 1 time a year to prevent deciduous trees from taking root. This mowing should take place between the last day of October and the first day of March.

Other

Mrs. Mitchell distributed the Invasive Species plant brochure to all EAC members and gave Mr. John the nozzle and hose attachment to hold onto.

Mr. Snyder asked where we stand with the 902 grant for the mulcher. Mrs. Canfield explained that the grant was still not open. Different options were discussed such as renting the machine from Delaware Valley University if they bought one. It was suggested to look into these options while waiting for the grant round to open.

With no other news the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm (at the end of the meadow tour).

Respectfully submitted,

Autumn Canfield
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