

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Notes by Autumn Canfield
October 11th, 2016

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In Attendance: EAC Members: Sean Sablosky, Interim Chairman, Don Richardson, Vice Chairmain, Anne Woodbury, Marty Brooks, Dr. Tanya Casas; Shawn Touhill, Supervisor Liaison, Ken Snyder, Supervisor, Autumn Canfield, Special Projects Coordinator, Jim Baldassarre, guest

Mr. Sablosky called meeting to order: 7:01pm

Minutes Approval

Mr. Brooks motioned to approve the minutes and Ms. Woodbury seconded. Motion approved 4-0 Mr. Sablosky abstained.

Plan Review

No plans to review.

New Business

February Board of Supervisors Update-

Every February, committees provide the Board of Supervisors with updates of the past year. Mr. Sablosky requested each member send him notes of accomplishments in the past year and he will combine them for the presentation.

Reorganization-

Per ordinance, EAC must send a recommendation of Chairman to the Board of Supervisors during their reorganization meeting in January. Mr. Brooks motioned for recommending Sean Sablosky to be chairman and Don Richardson to be Vice Chairman. Ms. Woodbury seconded. All present in favor. Ms. Canfield will send the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for their reorganization meeting.

Sauerman Park Pond-

The pond in Sauerman Park has many issues as noted in the letter and report from Princeton Hydro. The committee discussed the options of a wetland BMP and pond restoration project. The wetland BMP seems to be the more favorable option. It provides a new opportunity for different types of education. The wetland BMP also has potential for grant funding sources. The Princeton Hydro report was sent out later than the letter and needs to be reviewed by the committee. The Sauerman Park Pond topic will be put on the November agenda to allow time for review. Mr. Baldassarre is a neighbor to the park and thinks a wetland is a good idea. Neighbors want to see something done in the area.

Mr. Snyder explained that years ago the plan was to let the pond sit and naturally fill in. However, the pond is now a potential safety concern so action must be taken. He questioned what action could be taken now.

Placing signage and fencing was discussed. If fencing is put up, signage would be needed to explain. Any signage should include information that a solution is to come. Mr. Sablosky asked the committee to go to the site and look at the pond before the next meeting so everyone knows the area that is being discussed. Mr. Sablosky motioned to recommend signage and some sort of barrier to Ms. Mason and

Mr. John. Mr. Brooks seconded. All present in favor.

Old Business

Meadow Signage-

Ms. Liggett from Boucher and James met with Ms. Woodbury and Mrs. Mitchell to discuss sign revisions. The updated signs were sent out to the whole committee for review. Ms. Liggett attended the meeting for feedback. Ms. Woodbury requested full size renderings of the signs. There were a few corrections Ms. Woodbury pointed out and suggested having another small meeting with Ms. Liggett to discuss. Ms. Woodbury will review updated signs to prepare for the meeting. Ms. Liggett addressed the concern of readability over the lifespan of the sign. Fossil, the sign company, provides a lifetime guarantee. Mr. Snyder asked if all varieties of plants shown on the signs could be found in the meadow. The committee was unsure and it was determined it was best that the sign and the foliage match. The easiest way to accomplish this is to make the meadow match the signs by adding whatever plants are missing. This also increases variety in the meadow.

Fall Speaker Series-

The planning for the event is well underway. The speaker and venue are set and advertising is in progress through multiple avenues. Dr. Casas will secure student volunteers and members of the committee volunteered as well to sell tickets at the door. It was decided members would purchase the tickets to support the cause.

Record Tree Inspection-

The certificate for the recent record tree submission is in progress.

Native Garden update-

Mrs. Mitchell was not able to attend the meeting but sent information to Ms. Canfield. The upcoming Saturday will be a busy work day as the Native Garden Brigade is prepping for shrub planting. Mrs. Mitchell requested Mr. Brooks help and advice that day.

Magnet Fundraiser-

The car magnet fundraiser has been an idea in the works for years. The committee felt it important to showcase Doylestown Township as well as the year to increase collectability of the magnets. Each year, the images on the magnet would change. Mr. Sablosky presented five designs to the committee. The designs do not say Environmental Advisory Council specifically for greater sales potential. Listing the committee's name may limit the audience interested. A more general design was favored and it was discussed that they will be presented by the EAC but not specifically an EAC magnet. Mr. Sablosky will e-mail the designs to the committee for review. Each member will give their top three selections.

Riparian Corridor Map-

The list of home owners in the riparian corridors has been identified and Ms. Canfield is currently working on ensuring all owners are up to date based on county records.

Other

The next meeting of this committee will be held November 9th, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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