

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Notes by Autumn Canfield**  
**June 13th, 2017**

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In Attendance: EAC Members: Sean Sablosky, Chairman; Don Richardson, Vice Chairman; Martin Brooks; Jeannine Mitchell; Anne Woodbury; Others: Autumn Canfield, Special Projects Coordinator; Dave Tomko, Director of Operations; Shawn Touhill, Supervisor Liaison; Erich Neal, Resident; Jane Neal, Resident; Owen Neal, Resident; Helen Eves, resident; Sal Lentini, Resident

**Guests:**

Ms. Eves was presented a record tree certificate for the Flowering Cherry tree on her property. Ms. Eves heard about the program through the Township newsletter.

Meadow Flowers near Kutz-

Mr. Neal discussed converting the ground in the PennDOT right of way to a meadow. The area is located between the bike trail and Kutz Elementary where close to an acre of area was cleared. Mr. Tomko found publications from PennDOT to share with the Neal family. The benefit would be beautification of the area as well as cutting back on the amount of mowing needed to 1x per year.

Mr. Lentini called Mr. Tomko to discuss the same bare area. His children go to Kutz and parents are concerned that the screening to the playground has been taken away. Kutz would like to work with the EAC to figure out a project to create a screen. Mr. Tomko suggested planting on the Kutz side if the school is willing to do something and EAC can consult.

Ms. Mitchell asked if anyone had mentioned the Bowman Hill's wildflower pocket meadow program as she had reached out to the school about it previously. A parent would have a lot more input than a Township volunteer.

It was determined there are two projects to evaluate. The first is the wildflower meadow on the PennDOT side of the fence and the second is the plant buffer on the Kutz Elementary School side of the fence.

Owen Neal is interested in working on the Wildflower Meadow as an Eagle Scout project. Information will be needed such as the square footage of the area and how many seeds will need to be planted. Fundraising would be an aspect of the project. The optimal time to plant would be in April which works on Mr. Neal's timeline for his project.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to pursue the wildflower meadow project, Ms. Woodbury seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The Kutz Elementary school buffer planting would need evergreen trees to provide a visual barrier through the winter. There could be a variety of plants included in this. EAC can provide support and an appropriate plant list.

Ms. Woodbury made a motion to support the buffer planting project, Mr. Brooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Both groups will return with information on their intended projects.

### **Minutes Approval – 5/9/17**

Mr. Brooks motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Plan Reviews**

Plans from Doylestown Hospital were presented for review. No alterations were suggested as the intended plants were all natives.

### **New Business**

#### **Budget Review-**

The committee reviewed the current budget and asked what the expenditures were for. Ms. Canfield indicated that the budget reflects the donation to the Delaware Riverkeeper Network for speaking at the summit, the attendance costs for the Land Ethics Symposium and the plants recently purchased for the native plant garden. The committee requested a more broken down version of the budget in the future.

#### **PHS Gardening and Greening Contest-**

Last year the Native Plant Garden was entered into the Gardening and Greening Contest. While the garden did not win, there was a lot of positive feedback. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society reached out again as it is time to apply for this year's contest. Mr. Richardson motioned to enter the contest again this year. Ms. Woodbury seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Newsletter-**

The deadline for submission for the next newsletter is August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Ms. Mitchell will write about the record trees that were just honored.

#### **Bicentennial Plans-**

For the bicentennial event, the committee would like 200 oak trees to be planted in the Township. Ms. Woodbury will work with Mr. Brooks to determine appropriate size and figure out pricing for the project.

Ms. Mitchell also discussed having a garden party to dedicate the native garden for the bicentennial.

#### **Joint meeting-**

Mr. Sablosky discussed conversations he had with Ms. Sweeney and the idea of having a joint Park and Recreation Board and Environmental Advisory Council meeting twice a year. Ms. Canfield will send contact info so meeting can be arranged.

### **Old Business**

#### **Magnet Fundraiser-**

22 Magnets have been sold. Ms. Canfield will speak with Ms. Sweeney about selling the magnets at the concert series over the summer.

#### **Native plant garden update-**

At the last maintenance day, over 500 plants were installed at the native plant garden. 13 volunteers came to help.

EAC Summit-

The Summit is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7-9pm. The speaker is confirmed and invites have been sent out. At this point, 16 people from 6 EAC's are signed up to attend.

Annual Fall Speaker Series-

Ms. Woodbury reached out to Ms. Sescak from Bucks Beautiful to discuss partnership for the Fall Speaker as she has access to a list of potential speakers and funds. Ms. Mitchell would like a speaker to discuss children in nature.

Par Recycling-

The electronic recycling event went well and was steadily attended by residents. Over 9,000 pounds of electronics were collected. The Committee would like to plan for the event annually in the budget. Ms. Canfield will reach out to determine the cost without the discount and report back to the committee. Mr. Sablosky motioned to pursue the event. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**Other**

The next meeting of this committee will be held July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm by motion of Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Sablosky. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Autumn Canfield