

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
November 13, 2012

In Attendance: Chairman, Keith Peters; Committee Members; Jeff Fehr, Sean Sablosky, Bill Lloyd, Kevin Brand, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Thomas Scarborough, Board of Supervisors; Member Rick Colello and Staff Liaison Sandra Zadell, Assistant Township Manager. Resident Visitor: Jeanine Mitchell

Mr. Peters began the meeting by welcoming Sean Sablosky.

Resident visitor Ms. Mitchell discussed an initiative she has been working on with EAC Member, Kelly McGowan on a demonstration garden as part of the BirdTown program in Doylestown Township. They had visited a demonstration garden in early October in Lower Makefield Township that was approximately 1,000 sq. ft. and wanted to install a similar demonstration garden in the Township. They met and explored Central Park and they felt that the Bike Path along Wells Road there along Wells Road would be a great place for the demonstration garden. There is a water fountain on that location with water service they would need to water the demonstration garden.

Mrs. Zadell did mention that any project that impacts the park should be taken to the Park & Recreation Board.

Ms. Mitchell also brought up that while she and Ms. McGowan were going through the park they noticed that the bird blind had several problems. First, is that there is a low level viewer and a high level viewer but a medium sized person has no place to view. The bird blind should have benches installed, the posters are about endangered birds not about birds that can actually be seen in the park and it would be great if there were some sign with cross-referencing birds and info all tied together.

Ms. Mitchell will prepare a draft memo in reference to the bird blind and she will work with Ray Hendricks to see if they can come up with a better suggestion. She is also interested in a spring bird festival and leading bird walks in the township.

Shelbourne Preliminary Land Development Plans: The EAC voted to create a memo to the developer asking them to include stormdrain markers on the stormdrains, consider infiltration basin for Basin #1 and to install full cut off lighting.

On a motion made by Mr. Fehr seconded by Mr. Lloyd the committee voted to send the memo. The motion passed.

Draft RFP Subcommittee and Final Trash Report: The first thing that needs to be done is the final report needs to be distributed to EAC members. Mrs. Zadell and Mr. Peters will distribute it this week.

Mr. Peters discussed the promo for the EAC Hour on DTV. The EAC stated that they would love a promo but need someone else to make it.

Mrs. Zadell will contact Mr. Salvati and let the TAB know of the EAC's interest in an intro for the EAC Hour.

Mr. Peters brought up the birdhouses; Mrs. Zadell stated that the birdhouses are ready to be picked up.

Mr. Brand will contact Mrs. Zadell and let her know when he can pick up the birdhouses.

Mr. Peters let Mrs. Zadell know that the trail dedication video has been approved and it is ready to forward to the TAB and Stephanie Mason for approval for inclusion in the EAC Hour.

Mr. Peters announced that there is a BirdTown meeting occurring in Audubon, PA on December 7th from 6 – 8 pm. He will send information to the group, everyone should consider attending.

Mrs. Zadell reported on the grant round opening for the DEP Mini Education Grants. She stated that we have received one of those grants before, however, it is a lot of paperwork for a small level of funding and it does require match. The EAC hasn't created any plans for a grant project so she can't write a grant.

There was then discussion about the correct procedure for grant funded projects. Mrs. Zadell recommended that if the EAC has an idea they should propose the idea and she will then look for grants that match the idea.

Mr. Peters requested that EAC members should each pick two programs that are non-commercial, non-political and environmental for the EAC Hour. They also need to get written permission to air these videos on the EAC Hour. We started the EAC Hour and have not added much content, so he feels that each member should be coming up with two videos for the next meeting to start airing.

Mrs. Zadell reported that the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society membership has expired. It is a \$50 membership; she posed it to the EAC to see if they would like to renew their membership.

On a motion made by Mr. Lloyd, second by Mr. Brand the committee decided to approve renewing the membership. Motion passed.

The committee then discussed a shred event for May 2013. They discussed the shred event from last year and Mrs. Zadell reported that it was successful and residents report really liking the event.

On a motion made by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Fehr, the EAC decided to move forward with scheduling a shred event for May. The motion passed.

The committee then discussed the Bucks/Mont EAC Summit and whether or not they want to want to host one. They decided via consensus that they should probably check with the Borough to see if they are interested in partnering. The EAC will make a decision once they get that answer to that question.

On motion of Mr. Fehr, seconded by Mr. Brand the EAC meeting adjourned at 9:01PM.