

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
June 11, 2013

In Attendance: Sean Sablosky, Vice Chairman; Jeannine Mitchell, Bill Lloyd, Jeff Fehr and Don Richardson, Committee Members; Tom Scarborough, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Sandra Brookley Zadell, Staff Liaison.

Minutes Approval

On motion of Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Lloyd the amended minutes from May 14, 2013 were approved.

Plans

There were no plans to review.

Contract Trash

The Committee discussed the draft memo that Ms. McGowan emailed to Mrs. Zadell this afternoon.

The Committee requested that Mrs. Zadell send the draft memo via email to them so they will have more time to review it before taking any action on the memo.

Mr. Sablosky discussed information he obtained from Tom Hough of Hough & Associates, regarding recycling rates by local haulers in Doylestown Township. The information he presented showed that some of the haulers do very little as far as percentage of recycling versus other haulers.

Mr. Sablosky stated that Mr. Huff mentioned that the haulers that had the lowest recycling rates were also the haulers that are most likely to respond and win a bid option.

Mr. Fehr asked about the bid information that Mike Savona presented, the contracts that have more to do with capturing recycling revenue. He felt that if we do give an RFP to the Board of Supervisors we should give them the two different contract types to look at, the Chalfont versus the Whitemarsh model.

Mr. Fehr stated that he is more in favor of an RFP like Whitemarsh but in general he is not in favor of contract trash.

Ms. Mitchell stated that the memo needs to be revised again and include the information about recycling rates.

Mr. Sablosky doesn't think we should revote on the trash issue or move forward with the memo at this time without our Committee Chairman, Ray Hendrick present.

The Committee will revisit this issue at their July meeting.

EAC Hour

Mrs. Zadell reported on the feeds that she had the Township Intern research for the Government Access Channel and the EAC Hour. She should have more information next month.

Demonstration Garden

The Committee reviewed Ms. Mitchell's memo regarding the Demonstration Garden that needs approval to be sent to the Park & Rec Board.

On motion of Mr. Fehr, seconded by Mr. Richardson the Committee approved the memo and voted to send it to the Park & Rec Board. The motion passed.

Native Plants Ordinance

Mrs. Zadell informed the Committee about Mr. Colello's statement at the recent Board of Supervisors meeting regarding Native Plant Ordinances. He is going to be bringing it to the Planning Commission's attention to see if they could research this topic.

Ms. Mitchell stated that she would attend the next Planning Commission meeting based on the fact that she has attended the Native Plant Trainings and that she has a lot of information on the topic. Mrs. Zadell will also let Mr. Hendrick know and see if he can attend the meeting as well.

Bird Walk/Birdtown

Ms. Mitchell also presented a report on the Bird Walk, she said that it was a wonderful Bird Walk and she really feels that we have enough of a following to do it four times per year through the Park & Rec Department.

Mr. Sablosky and other members of the EAC asked if we would be able to split the revenue with the Park & Rec Department.

Mrs. Zadell will check with the Park & Rec Department and get back to the EAC.

Ms. Mitchell also wondered if she could have a table at the upcoming Summer Concert Series to talk about the Backyard Bird Habitat Program.

Mrs. Zadell will make sure that tables are available for Ms. Mitchell to be present at all of the upcoming concerts.

Ms. Mitchell stated that she may bring native plants to the table to give away to get people interested in the program.

Great Trees

Mr. Lloyd reported on great trees. He stated that he will have more to report in August.

EAC Summit

The Committee reviewed the 2013 EAC Summit, it was a great success. They decided to table it until next month to talk about it more in-depth when Mr. Hendrick is present.

Composting Seminar

Mrs. Zadell stated we are going to need a short write up for the Park & Rec Programming Guide regarding the Composting Seminar. Mr. Lloyd stated that he would get that to her ASAP.

Sensitive Environmental Areas

The Committee decided to table the issue of identifying sensitive environmental areas.

Magnet/License Plate Fundraiser

The Committee discussed the magnet/license plate fund raiser. Mr. Sablosky said that the Committee should make a decision on whether to use the Township Seal or holding an art contest with the school district.

Mrs. Zadell did state that the magnets seem to be easier to get manufactured and are cheaper, they would probably sell a lot easier.

Mr. Sablosky stated he would donate binoculars for the first place winner if we do have an art contest.

Riparian Buffers

The Committee reviewed the issue of the cows in the stream at Delaware Valley College.

Mr. Richardson stated that he did contact Russell Reading and left a message about the cows that spend time in the standing water at the back of the Delaware Valley College site. He has not received a call back as yet.

Mosquito Control

The Committee discussed the Mosquito Control Presentation that Phil Smith was able to speak about at the EAC Summit.

Mr. Lloyd suggested having Mr. Smith talk to the residents in the spring about mosquito control.

Mr. Sablosky asked Mr. Lloyd to check about an EAC Hour presentation for next spring.

The Committee did state that 80% of mosquito problems stem from backyards and that they should probably focus on the education campaign regarding mosquito control.

Shred Event

Mr. Lloyd reminded the Committee that the Shred Event is June 15th.

On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Lloyd the committee adjourned at 8:11PM.