

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Unofficial Meeting Notes (Quorum not Present) by Sam Bryant
March 10th, 2015

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In Attendance: EAC Members: Ray Hendrick (Chairman), Jeannine Mitchell, Sean Sablosky; Supervisors: Ken Snyder (Liaison); Township Staff: Sam Bryant (Special Projects Coordinator), Autumn Canfield (Intern);

Meeting began at 7:05pm

Minutes Approval

The minutes from the February meeting were not approved, as there was no quorum.

Welcome to Guest

Autumn Canfield was introduced to the EAC as the Township Intern.

Plan Review

Mr. Hendrick visited the Wawa off DeKalb Pike and thought the landscaping there was good. Mr. Bryant read the notes that Mr. Richardson provided regarding the plan. He was pleased to see that Buckingham Properties had hired landscape architect, and it showed in the quality of the plan. His only concern was adding more trees on Swamp Road. Mr. Sablosky noted that any tree additions on the street would need to look out for ingress/egress points, so as not to block the view of drivers trying to turn on to the street.

As a motion was passed at the February meeting to send a letter with Mr. Richardson's comments, Mr. Bryant said he would reach out to Mr. Brooks, who returns to the area this week, and would then send a letter to the applicant and Planning Commission with the EAC's comments.

Unfinished Business

EAC Summit

Mr. Hendrick would like Kathy Salisbury as speaker for EAC Summit, and she has agreed to do so. Mr. Bryant had set a time in the morning of June 3rd for the event, but the EAC requested he try and find an evening time. Mr. Bryant will coordinate immediately to find a different time.

Arbor Day 2015

Last Monday, Mr. Bryant, Mrs. Mitchell, Ms. Canfield, Mr. Butch Froelich (Township Parks Superintendent), and Mr. Richard John (Township Director of Operations) walked the site area to determine where to plant trees. Mr. Hendrick was unable to join, as he was working on kestrel boxes that morning.

Arbor Day will be April 25th at 9am. Mr. Hendrick will join the Arbor Day group after the Bird Walk.

Central Park Signage Update

Mr. Bryant reported that the signs have been installed.

Electronics Recycling

As there was no quorum, the group was unable to take any action on this matter.

Mr. Sablosky stated he would contact Tom Hough for suggestions to handle the logistical issues proposed at the last meeting.

Mr. Bryant suggested that the Township could replicate the County program of individual drop off days, instead of an all-time drop off location.

Eagle Scout Path

Mrs. Mitchell distributed a sketch plan for the decorative path. The Eagle Scout is expected to mark out the path on March 21st, following the Native Demonstration Garden Cleanup Day. He would be expected to complete construction prior to Arbor Day.

Riparian Buffers

Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Bryant found suitable riparian maps from past Township efforts that could be duplicated for residents.

Mrs. Mitchell spoke to Bird Town organizers in Phoenixville, PA area who won the Green Corridor Award from Audubon PA. Mrs. Mitchell is interested in doing a similar effort in the Doylestown area.

Mrs. Mitchell asked that Mr. Bryant copy and distribute the plans and documents provided from Phoenixville.

Specifically, the EAC could advertise a workshop and offer backyard conservation designs in the fall to residents who have a riparian buffer. Mrs. Mitchell will utilize local resources to find a speaker for this workshop, which could be someone well known in the realm of native plants.

New Business

Mr. Hendrick and Mrs. Mitchell spoke at the recent Doylestown Nature Club meeting in Buckingham to a crowd of 50-75 people.

Native Demonstration Garden

After completion of the Eagle Scout Path, additional native demonstration garden planting would then occur in May.

Mrs. Mitchell requested that a water line from water fountain to bird blind area be installed for these plantings and garden maintenance. Mr. Snyder requested that Mr. Bryant speak to Mr. Froelich about this matter, before he gets tied up with the upcoming amphitheater project.

The EAC could also put a 300 year old beech stump in the native demonstration garden that Mr. Hendrick heard about.

Nestboxes

Mr. Hendrick thanked the assistance of Township staff in installing and maintaining the nestboxes and other EAC projects. Most of the bluebird nestboxes have been cleaned, and Mr. Hendrick will work with Mr. Rick Schea (Township Facilities Manager) to clean the remaining ones.

In the past month, two kestrel boxes were installed in the Township, one in Central Park, and one near the 202 Parkway. Mr. Hendrick donated two kestrel boxes to the Warrington Township EAC, so they can put them up near Doylestown Township across Bristol Road.

Newsletter

Mr. Bryant announced that the deadline is April 10th for an article. Mr. Bryant will create a short blurb about Arbor Day. Ms. Canfield had also written a letter about recycling. The EAC asked Mr. Bryant consider an article written by Mr. Sablosky on recycling. Mr. Sablosky said he would find and send this article to Mr. Bryant.