

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Notes by Autumn Canfield
March 8th, 2016

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In Attendance: EAC Members: Raymond Hendrick (Chairman, Jeannine Mitchell, Anne Woodbury, Sean Sablosky; Supervisor: Shawn Touhill (Liaison); Autumn Canfield (Special Projects Coordinator)

Meeting began at 7:00pm

Mr. Hendrick called meeting to order: 7:00pm

Minutes Approval

Mrs. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes, Mrs. Woodbury second. Motion carried by all present.

Plan Review

No plans to review.

New Business

Arbor Day- The committee has to decide what to do for Arbor Day. It is a requirement of the TreeCity award that we complete a planting. Mr. John has suggested the planting be on April 23rd, 2016 in a spot along the 611 bypass immediately adjacent the hospital drive way from the heliport to West Street. The committee discussed and April 23rd is not a good date for them. In addition, the Bucks County Conservation District reached out regarding the TreeVitalize grant that was applied for at Neamand's Trail. The grant application was approved. The committee would like to use this grant to fund the Arbor Day planting. Mrs. Canfield will speak with Mr. John to ensure the changes are acceptable. She also reached out to Meghan Rogalus at the Conservation District to ensure that using this grant would not interfere with any rules or guidelines. The committee decided to move forward as if it is acceptable to do the Neamand's trail planting and set a date of April 30th in conjunction with the Native Plant Garden work session. Both events will be from 9am-11am and volunteers will be able to choose the location they wish to work in. Mr. Touhill suggested that the Boys Scouts may be able to help but would need notice as they have to offer the opportunity to all area scouts. Once Mrs. Canfield gets the affirmative from Mrs. Rogalus she will reach out to Mr. Touhill.

EAC Summit Speakers- The EAC summit takes place in May. Mr. Hendrick attended a presentation at the Temple Ambler campus where Doug Tallamy presented and thought he would be a great speaker. Mrs. Mitchell suggested that he be invited as a Birdtown series speaker instead of a summit speaker so he can reach a greater audience. Mr. Touhill suggested sponsorships to help offset costs. Mrs. Canfield suggested professors from Delaware Valley University to speak about wildlife animals to extend the range of talks that have been done as the focus had been on plants for the previous presentations. Mrs. Mitchell suggested Jim Diamond and his talk about his experience in the Peace Corps, but Mr. Hendrick did not feel it was relevant. Mrs. Mitchell will bring her list of speakers to the next meeting for review. Mrs. Canfield will collect details about Mr. Tallamy's presentation for a potential presentation in the fall. Plant e-mail from Mrs. Mitchell- Mrs. Mitchell e-mailed Mrs. Canfield a forwarded message from Mary Ellen about meadow plants available. The only cost would be shipping. The EAC was interested in getting plants. Mrs. Canfield will see if they are still available and will order them if they are.

Signage-Mr. Hendrick spoke to Richard John about signage in the meadow area of Central Park. The group decided that two meadow related signs were appropriate and when the monarch way station

comes to fruition, another can be added. Mrs. Mitchell moved to investigate pricing and Mrs. Woodbury second. All present in favor of looking into pricing of signs. Mr. Hendrick also announced that he put up four new bird boxes in the meadow area.

Adopt a highway letter- Mrs. Canfield received a letter from the Department of Transportation regarding the Adopt-a-Highway clean up days. Doylestown Township has a local level program, adopt-a-road. The letter allows for registration of an event and asks people to spread the word. Due to the internal program as well as an already busy schedule within the timeframe provided, the group decided to assist by spreading the word but not hosting an event.

Garden tour- Mrs. Mitchell brought up Cindy Anstee and her involvement in a local garden tour. Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Woodbury's properties will both be featured on the garden tour. The tour is scheduled for June 18th and Mrs. Mitchell requested that we spread the word.

Old Business

Community Garden Update-Results seem very promising. Mr. Hendrick asked how many would be needed to proceed. Mr. Touhill said to establish a baseline and determine how many would be needed to cover pricing. He said to give a presentation to the Board and ask for guidance. Mr. Hendrick asked to be put on the agenda for Tuesday the 15th to discuss.

Record Tree- Mr. Hendrick received a letter from a resident regarding the newsletter and the record tree program. He formulated a sheet that he will use to keep records for the Township so that we will always have the information. The process is the interested resident calls the Township who takes a message for Mr. Hendrick. Mr. Hendrick returns the call to collect information and get permission to visit the property. Once he has permission he goes and records the tree if it is native.

Radon Testing- The Board of Supervisors instructed staff to send the DEP a list of addresses for residents so they may choose to participate in the program or not. The list was sent.

Shred events- Doylestown Borough was asked if they wanted to partner for a shred event. They declined the offer. The EAC did not feel it was feasible to host the event on their own with the other projects on the table.

Who we are/what we do- Mr. Hendrick and Mr. Richardson were interviewed for a Township video series entitled "Who we are/What we do". They were asked questions about the EAC and answered accordingly. This series will be featured on the DTV station during the EAC hour.

Pine Run Update- Mr. Hendrick provided an update on the Pine Run mowing situation. Tom Price took a great interest in Pine Run. He wants Mr. Hendrick to go to the County Public Works Office and meet with Kevin Spencer, the new director. The meadows at Pine Run are being mowed too often. There is a DEP flood control dam in the area so mowing schedule is tight. The EAC wants the mowing to be timed accordingly as to not disturb ground nesting birds in the area. Mr. Price is trying to reduce the number of acres being mowed so that only the dam portion is continually groomed and the rest can be left natural.

Other

The next meeting of this committee will be held April 12th, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Autumn Canfield
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