

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

Meeting May 11, 2016

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 1900 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Sid Hostetter, Soon Slayman, Bill Stoffel, Megan Detter, John Van Zant, Eva Stahley, Steve Darhower, and Jane Popko and Shawn Arbaugh

Public Comment: None (suggestion was made to influence township participation)

Approval of Minutes: 4/13/2016 minutes by Mike to be approved by next meeting, June 8, 2016.

Correspondence:

Board of Supervisors - May 10, 2016 meeting attended by Soon and Shawn

- 1) Letter from EAC presented supporting the Middle Creek Wildlife Refuge remaining open.
- 2) Chesapeake Bay pollution reduction plan submitted to DEP supporting best practices, including riparian buffer plantings in Stone Knoll and Carriage Park developments, retention facilities when doing road work and creating a Lingle Ave. floodway area to Spring Creek. SLT is part of Lebanon County clean water alliance, developing grant with Chesapeake Bay.
- 3) Stone Knoll deed of dedication conditionally accepted with 5 items needed to be addressed (EAC and community involvement with tree planting).

Municipal Authority Minutes - None

Planning Commission Minutes - None

Committee Reports:

Natural Areas Committee: (Soon Slayman)

- 1) Natural area designation sign still needs to be given to Deborah Cardinal.
- 2) Sgt. Cassel to be notified that the EAC will be participating in NNO on Tuesday, 8/2/2016, requesting space for two tables, canopy and banner.
 - a) Blouse to make new banner (same as previous banner) - motion to accept by Bill and 2nd by Steve
 - b) suggestion to grow plants to give away at NNO (Sid, Soon and Eva)

Water Quality Committee: (John Van Zant)

- 1) National Drinking Water Week and Fix a Leak Week - week of 5/1/2016
- 2) Anyone interested in lead and copper in drinking water - contact John via email
- 3) Anyone on a well should have their water tested yearly - see link "Master Well Owners Network" via Ag Center at Penn State.

Agricultural and Historical Committee: (Bill Stoffel)

- 1) Historical
 - a) no update on barn, to be discussed at next supervisor's meeting, June 14, 2016
 - b) Township Building will be going back to the school district after new township building is completed.
- 2) Agriculture - local food production suggested via community garden owned by township and accessible to all; area would need to be identified, possibly near high density housing and with possible water access within next year.

Landscaping Committee: (Eva Stahley)

- 1) Eva was commended for a fantastic job with landscaping upkeep of the Township Building.
- 2) The new township building will be completed by Fall, 2017 and the current plantings, etc. will be transferred to the new building.

Pipeline Monitoring Committee: (Megan Detter)

- 1) Chapter 105 permit application available on the PA Bulletin
- 2) Conewago Creek - prefer bore under stream, but dam and pump is being considered; objections, possibly submit comments to request hearing. (This stream is considered severely impaired and is being watched).
- 3) DEIS (draft environmental impact study) for Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline was available on 5/5/2016 - The open meeting with FERC is scheduled for 6/14/2016 at Lebanon Valley College. Direct comments can be sent to FERC online by June 27, 2016 or sent to Megan/Shawn to share with township engineer and supervisors.

Green Way Path Committee: (temporary committee of EAC) - (John Van Zant)

- 1) John to send out written report to EAC for comments and to Greenway Committee for comment and recommendations.
- 2) Final version to be presented to EAC at the next meeting 6/8/2016 for discussion
- 3) Final document will go to Supervisors for 6/14/2016 or 7/12/2016 meeting for approval.

Old Business:

- 1) Greenway Park System Maintenance Schedule - pending update after John's Green Way Path Committee recommendations
- 2) Millersville Native Plant Conference reminder - June 15 -17, 2016
- 3) Next SLT newsletter:
 - a) Dick Brown article on green wall plantings.
 - b) Email Shawn by 6/10/2016 for any other EAC articles.

New Business:

- 1) Procedure for EAC and Township volunteers - contact Shawn
6/9/2016 0900-1300 - 9 volunteers from MHS will be at SLT Municipal Building to assist with Lawn Park maintenance
- 2) Review of EAC natural area inventory
 - a) natural area designated private sites
 - b) natural area township properties: ie. large size area - Furnace Hills; small size area - Dinosaur Rock
 - c) Bring suggestions to include on inventory for next meeting
 - d) GIS inclusion by county
- 3) EAC will ask board to approve funds (approx. \$2000/yr for miscellaneous expenses, such as new banner, trees, etc)

Good and Welfare: None

Next Meeting: June 8, 2016 at 1900

Motion to Adjourn: Bill Stoffel made motion to adjourn at 2000; 2nd by Eva Staley

Respectfully submitted,
Jane T. Popko