

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes Meeting

June 21, 2017

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 19:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Sid Hostetter, Soon Slayman, Rugh Henderson, John Van Zant, Earl Light, Kristin Hovorka and Jane Popko (Due to the absence of the chair and vice chair, Sid Hostetter functioned as chair)

Public Present: Cliff Orley and Bill Leonard

Public Comment: Bill Leonard expressed concern about the meeting date change from 6/14/2017 to 6/21/2017. He was unaware of the change and came to the meeting on 6/14. It was noted that the changed date was added to the SLT web page on the home page as well as the EAC section, approximately three weeks before the change.

Approval of Minutes:

5/10/2017 - Motion to accept by Rugh, 2nd by Soon, motion carried

Correspondence:

Board of Supervisors: None

Municipal Authority Minutes: None

Planning Committee Minutes: None

Committee Reports:

Natural Areas Committee: (Soon Slayman)

- Soon received information from the Penn State Agriculture Environment Center about an opportunity to acquire free native trees for planting along riparian buffers and other areas. Last year we applied for trees to plant along the Campbelltown Park creek. The application is due by 7/14/2017. Soon was to complete application and forward to EAC members by email. The proposal would then need to be submitted to the SLT supervisors for approval. It was suggested to plant trees behind the sewage treatment.
- Due to the compressed timeframe, if not approved, we could revisit at February/March/April 2018 meeting to select best location for plantings and submit proposal to SLT supervisors for the July 2018 application.
- Soon is to try to reschedule the meeting with Jenna and Faith about the natural areas. There has been no response after two attempts.
- Rugh will draft letter for review by EAC concerning mowing of natural areas two months after deadline date; review of updated mowing schedule still not addressed by supervisors

Water Quality Committee: (John Van Zant)

- Penn State continues to offer webinars on water quality. There are no webinars in July and August for summer break, the upcoming schedule is below;
 - 1) September 27, 2017 – Microplastics in water.
 - 2) October 25, 2017 – Emerging water contaminants.
 - 3) November 29, 2017 – An introduction to WikiWatershed.org web tools
 - 4) December 20, 2017 – The use of low cost, open source hardware / software in environmental monitoring.
 - Taped versions of each webinar in the series are available at:
<http://extension.psu.edu/water/webinar-series/past-webinars>

Agricultural Committee: (Rugh Henderson)

- Agriculture Security – 87 acres near a trailer park on Lawn Rd. have been designated farmland by the planning commission on June 20, 2017.

Landscaping Committee:

- Eva continues to maintain the landscaped area around the SLT building

Pipeline Monitoring Committee:

- Mariner East I is currently in process of being built as evidenced throughout Lebanon County. There is currently monitoring of the Mariner East pipeline by local groups to observe any possible violation of environmentally safe construction practices.
- Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline still waiting for DEP permits. Anyone still wanting to submit comments can go to the DEP website on the Atlantic Sunrise tab till 6/26/2017.
- On 6/20/2017, the PA Supreme Court ruled in favor of the PA. Environmental Defense Foundation lawsuit to uphold the Environment Amendment to the PA. Constitution Article 1, Section 27) and the role of state government as trustee of the state's public lands and natural resources. This ruling bolsters the strength of the environmental amendment and enhances the ability to challenge the state in actions that could harm the environment.

Old Business:

- a. National Night Out (8/1/2017) preparation
 - Mike arranged to have table/space in Campbelltown Park area
 - Soon brought the informational posters previously used
 - Sid to walk people through natural area toward stream edge.
 - Possible scavenger hunt and coloring pages to take home
 - Mike will do a soil demonstration
 - Kristen can assist with gathering materials
 - Sid, Soon, and Kristin to meet to finalize plan
- b. Review of the EAC natural area inventory
 - i. Status update – table till next meeting concerning GIS mapping within township
- c. South Londonderry Township Community Garden
 - i. Status update
 - Visit to sewage treatment plant site indicated that the low area near stream would be subject to flooding; section closer to road had higher elevation and full sun
 - Parking access needs to be addressed
 - Location of water source needs to be addressed
 - Further discussion tabled till next meeting for written plan to present to township

New Business:

- Management of meeting documentation – send via email for review before the meeting, but continue to have Samantha make packets available at meeting

Good and Welfare: None

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 1950 by Rugh; 2nd by Soon; motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jane T. Popko

Next EAC Meeting: July 12, 2017 at 19:00