

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

Meeting June 8, 2016

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

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

March 9, 2016: next meeting July 13, 2016 to specify edit of (3) under Water Quality

April 13, 2016: next meeting July 13, 2016

May 11, 2016: move comment about \$2000 request from (b) under Natural Area report to (3) of New Business. Motion to approve by Soon and 2nd by Bill

Correspondence:

Board of Supervisors: None

Municipal Authority Minutes: see Minutes provided from meeting on May 5, 2016

Planning Committee Minutes: None

Committee Reports:

Natural Areas Committee: (Soon Slayman) - None

Water Quality Committee: (John Van Zant) - None

Agricultural and Historical Committee: (Bill Stoffel) - None

Landscaping Committee: (Eva Stahley) - thriving

Pipeline Monitoring Committee: (Megan Detter)

- 1) DEP Chapter 105 permits for Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline pending - comment period extended to August 1, 2016 with aid of letter from Senator Folmer.
- 2) Comment period for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) ends June 27, 2016. Extension has also been requested but not granted.
- 3) Shawn indicated that the township previously submitted comments to DEP about crossing of the Conewago and an issue about a staging area.
- 4) EAC will ask SLT supervisors if they would like to comment further to DEP on the Chapter 105 - Megan will continue looking at updated draft statement (DEIS) and propose EAC comment to DEP with input from Sid, Megan, Rugh and Jane. This will be submitted to Shawn via email.
- 5) Mt. Gretna Fire Company received some training from Williams, but local fire company responsibility is primarily evacuation of residents.
- 6) Restoration after pipeline installation will be dependent on specific landowner requests.

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

- 1) Recommendations 1 thru 10 on final draft were reasonable and well done per Rugh and Mike.
- 2) Additional comments suggested should be added as a supplement.
- 3) Signage with park rules was suggested, as well as mow and no mow (natural) areas.

- 4) Future improvements might make ADA accessibility necessary.
- 5) Rugh made motion to accept, 2nd by Soon with unanimous approval to send to supervisors.

Old Business:

1) Review of the EAC Natural Area Inventory: Sid deferred till July 13, 2016 meeting.

2) National Night Out (NNO) 8/2/2016:

- a) Mike will set up sedimentation soil tubes or cards.
- b) Eva will update poster presentation.
- c) Soon will get tables set aside and prepare 4" plants with Eva.
- d) Literature available with water quality information related to wells, stormwater, and MS4 regulations.
- e) approval for new banner (\$50-\$60) pending via supervisor meeting.

3) Recommendation letter to keep Middle Creek Wildlife Area open - Supervisors requested removal of increase in Hunting License fee. Megan made motion to accept; 2nd by Eva.

4) Community Garden Concept

- a) possible location is behind sewage treatment plant.
- b) water hand pump - approx. \$1000
- c) Ok'd by Municipal Authority
- d) Chapter 106 permit for flood plain prohibits bringing in new fill.
- e) can use Google Earth to plan layout.
- f) See DCNR website for additional information on management practices.

5) Removal of invasives, mulching, etc. on 6/9/2016 - Sid, Eva, and Steve along with Milton Hershey School volunteers.

New Business:

1) How to help township residents with the removal of green garden and landscape waste:

- a) Current composting operation - Ames Services (Bill Ames)
- b) promote local business.
- c) schedule pickup at addresses willing to pay.
- d) Request for proposal for better rates - \$10/truckload or \$25/load for pickup service.
- e) EAC could develop "Benefits of Composting" ; will need to be established by 2020.

2) Discuss a slate of officers for 2017: think about and consider for upcoming year.
Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary/Committee Chairs

Good and Welfare:

Manada Conservancy Native Plant Sale - four Thursday in June 1800-2000.

Church group volunteers will be available over the next few months.

Sid thanked everyone for continued good work.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2016

Motion to Adjourn: Steve made motion to adjourn at 2015; 2nd by Bill, 3rd by Eva

**Respectfully submitted,
Jane T. Popko**