

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

Meeting July 13, 2016

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

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

March 9, 2016: Motion to accept by Rugh, 2nd by Steve, Motion carried

April 13, 2016: Motion to accept by Rugh, 2nd by Steve, Motion carried

June 8, 2016: Motion to accept by Steve, 2nd by Soon, Motion carried

Correspondence:

- **Board of Supervisors: 7/12/2016**
 - 1) Extension discussion of Burn Ordinance took place with resubmission for public hearing and discussion at September supervisor meeting.
 - 2) Discussion of dog leaching and park ordinance rules with resubmission for hearing and discussion at September supervisor meeting
 - 3) Discussion of **Stone Knoll Greenway** (18 acres in Southern Campbelltown) - EAC subcommittee recommendations submitted to SLT supervisors. SLT supervisors voted to not accept recommendations for pathway. This is township property to be taken over by township after all specification are met with builder.
 - a) decision made to have no pathways (random access) with mowing only a 5 foot perimeter trail next to properties. This deviates from previous mowing schedule accepted in March, 2016.
 - b) Native wildflower meadow will be maintained with one spring mowing. Rugh made motion to accept, 2nd by Steve with motion carried.
 - c) Proposal for ADA access path for handicapped to Tornado Rock and pond via CDGB grant for \$2400 was not approved by supervisors.
- **Municipal Authority Minutes:** None
- **Planning Committee Minutes:** None

Committee Reports:

Natural Areas Committee: (Soon Slayman)

- 1) Monthly check of Colebrook Rain Garden showed overgrowth and dead trees needing attention by volunteers and others
- 2) Monthly check of Lawn Meadow showed Blackeyed Susan and Tickweed with area evolving; mulched trees needing weeding and some remulching.
- 3) Deborah Cardinal Natural Area Designation - has 3 box turtles and sign will be available soon.
- 4) Rugh will contact Natural Area Designates to see if any are interested in NNO participation. (See NNO section for other updates)
- 5) Pat Krebs is requesting additional advice from EAC to further develop native plantings. (Steve to consult)
- 6) Free trees from DCNR for Fall, 2016 planting in riparian type buffers, etc., adhering to MS4 requirements- need to apply by July 31. Soon made motion to accept, 2nd by Jane with motion carried. Soon will complete application for approx. 30 trees for new community park.

Water Quality Committee: (John Van Zant)

- Well water information update – to be sent out
- Northern counties are drying out - need additional rain

Agricultural and Historical Committee: (Bill Stoffel)- None

Landscaping Committee: (Eva Stahley) – township building landscaping is looking beautiful.

New Municipal Building landscaping will have transplants from current building after land development and grading plan established, with rain gardens planned; EAC will identify plants for moving.

Pipeline Monitoring Committee: (Megan Detter)

- Megan submitted commentary from EAC to FERC for alternatives to the Draft Environmental Impact Study.
- July 24 – There will be a march for the “Clean Energy Revolution” prior to the Democratic National Convention.

Old Business:

- 1) Review of the EAC natural area inventory in South Londonderry Township: (Sid Hostetter)
 - A) Large scale areas
 1. Furnace Hill/South Mountain
 2. Low land area – north of Furnace Hill
 - B) Small scale areas
 1. Mount Gretna includes Soldier Field (see Township Newsletter), Mt. Gretna Lake, enclosed springs (see Township Newsletter), National Guard Range, Duffy Lake (bird area reverting to a meadow), Dinosaur Rock, Mt. Gretna Park, Narrow Gauge Railroad, and Lawn Rail Trail.
 - C) Wet Lands – parts of Dr. Dossett’s and Dr. Henderson’s properties, areas in Stone Knoll Greenway and Carriage Park development
 - D) All designated natural properties and natural areas within township
- 2) National Night Out – Tuesday, 8/2/2016
 - 2 tables requested next to Historical Committee table
 - NNO display board ready and will be handing out coneflowers and milkweed seedlings.
 - Mike has soil card layers prepared.
 - Native plant handouts will be available.
 - This will replace our regular EAC August meeting.
- 3) 2017 EAC Slate of officers – continue thinking about interests as possible officer for changes to occur in January; see Sid with “Letter of Interest”; try to recruit new members (current member limit is 11)
- 4) Green waste recycling – as an alternative to burning; Ames currently has green waste pickup for a fee; recycling will be required in all municipalities by 2020.

New Business:

Monthly EAC activities, now and in the future – to be discussed at next meeting.

Good and Welfare: Indiantown Gap had an event open to the public to view the Frittallary butterfly. The 17,000 acre meadow here and in Virginia provide the unique habitat for this species.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Steve at 20:22; 2nd by Soon, motion passed

Next EAC Meeting September 14, 2016 at 19:00

Respectfully submitted,
Jane T. Popko