

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes Meeting  
November 9, 2016

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

**Members present:** Sid Hostetter, Soon Slayman, Bill Stoffel, Rugh Henderson, Megan Detter, John Van Zant, Eva Stahley, Steve Darhower, Earl Light and Jane Popko

**Public Comment:** Please maintain focus on EAC agenda

### Approval of Minutes:

**10/19/2016** - Motion to accept after correction of spelling and date by Rugh, 2nd by Bill, motion carried

### Correspondence:

#### Board of Supervisors:

- Continued public input (8 – 10 comments) on updated Burn Ordinance; SLT supervisors voted to accept by 2 of 3 supervisors. (see SLT website for updated burn ordinance dated 11/9/2016)
- SLT supervisors requested that the EAC submit meeting minutes to Jenna (township manager) as soon as possible and not wait till official approval at their next meeting.

**Municipal Authority Minutes:** None

**Planning Committee Minutes:** None

### Committee Reports:

**Natural Areas Committee:** (Soon Slayman) – None

Steve noted that one of the natural areas (listed as not to be mowed) was mowed; (need to confirm that maintenance crew is aware of updated mowing schedule).

**Water Quality Committee:** (John Van Zant)

- A significant number of homes in the SLT use private wells for their source of drinking water. John obtained a fact sheet that can assist a homeowner with a private well diagnose and address water quality issues.
- Environmental Education Grants (\$3,000 to \$50,000) Available from PA DEP (Mid December deadline for Applications) The Grants could be utilized by SLT for public education on a variety of relevant environmental issues including water quality and storm water.

**Agricultural and Historical Committee:** (Bill Stoffel) - None

- A decision was made to change the name of this committee back to Agriculture (only) due to the upcoming formation of a possible Historic Society in the township.

**Landscaping Committee** (Old and New Township Building): (Eva Stahley)

- Planting around current township building could be moved to other areas of the township.
- New Township Building landscaping – to be placed on the agenda for next month's supervisor meeting requesting coordination with landscaper to incorporate native plantings.

**Pipeline Monitoring Committee:** (Megan Detter)

- It appears that there is new surveying on the route occurring in the Lawn area near the Lawn Fire Department by Williams for the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Review of the EAC natural area inventory
  - Continuing work on documentation of natural area designations including natural features and landmarks (Bill to check with JV on possible map he may have)
  - The map in the conference room could be used as a starting point to further develop documentation of natural areas, game lands, rails, and trails.
- 2) 2017 EAC Slate of officers – mentoring was suggested to assist in decision
  - Chair – Sid will be stepping down; volunteer needed
  - Vice Chair – volunteer needed
  - Secretary – Jane will continue for 2017
- 3) Green waste recycling
  - The new burn ordinance states that no leaf burning will be allowed in the township.
  - Burning of agricultural waste is still permitted on properties greater than 5 acres (leaves on farms need to be clarified).
  - The EAC should make recommendations to the SLT supervisors for alternate methods of disposal, such as a recycling site (see what other townships are currently doing)
  - The possibility of changing the landscaping committee to a green waste recycling committee was suggested.
- 4) EAC Budget request
  - EAC previously requested \$1000 as a budget item for 2017
  - See EAC township ordinance for handling of expenditures, ie. Expenditures approved by SLT supervisors will be reimbursed on an as needed basis.

**New Business:**

- 1) Kreider's Glen Natural Area in Stone Knoll
  - see management schedule for open areas in the township (Carriage Park mowing issue)
  - propose suggestions for other uses to township – to revisit at December meeting
  - resident concern for trespassing with walking paths; alternative options other than paths
- 2) South Londonderry Township Community Garden (Campbelltown West Community Garden)
  - Propose possibility of organic community garden for vegetables and flowers
  - Further research requested by SLT supervisors
  - Research websites on organic gardens – size/location/number/fees/water/clean up fee/deer fence; this is an assignment for all EAC members for next meeting
  - Survey residents via next SLT newsletter and website to determine interest for Spring, 2018
- 3) EAC Ordinance # 172 review
  - Read and provide input/questions/concerns at next meeting

**Good and Welfare:** see latest SLT newsletter for article by Dr. Buck's about participation in township boards; EAC term is currently three years – refer to email to determine expiration dates for each member.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 20:05 by Bill; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve; motion carried

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Jane T. Popko**

**Next EAC Meeting:** December 14, 2016 at 19:00