

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes Meeting

March 8, 2017

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

Members present: Mike Callahan, Soon Slayman, Bill Stoffel, Rugh Henderson, Megan Detter, John Van Zant, Kristin Hovorka and Jane Popko

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

2/8/2017 - Motion to accept by Bill Stoffel, 2nd by Rugh Henderson, motion carried

Correspondence:

Board of Supervisors Minutes: No comment

Municipal Authority Minutes: No comment

Planning Committee Minutes: No Comment

Committee Reports:

Natural Areas Committee: (Soon Slayman)

- Rugh, Sid and Soon met and used copy of township map to identify natural areas of residents continuing with their natural area designation and natural features. They are identified by number or letter and are ready for GIS conversion. Small scale natural features include: Soldier's Field in Mt. Gretna, Mt. Gretna Lake, enclosed Coleman Spring, National Guard Shooting Range, and Duffy Lake
- Rugh, Sid and Soon reviewed an updated mowing schedule (see under Old Business section).

Water Quality Committee: (John Van Zant)

- PA Groundwater Symposium – May 3, 2017 at State College. John will be attending and will update EAC. The Symposium theme is **Groundwater and Drinking Water: Making the Connection**. If interested in attending contact John for link to Symposium registration and agenda.
 - Penn State offers free webinars relating to water quality and the environment. These webinars are at no cost, are recorded for later viewing and are searchable by topic. The next two scheduled webinars are:
 - o 3/29/2017 1200-1300 – An Analysis of the Pennsylvania Farm Conservation Practices Inventory for Purposes of Reporting Practices to the Chesapeake Bay Program by Matt Royer, Director, Agriculture and Environment Center, Penn State University.
 - o 4/26/2017 1200-1300 – The Economic Value of Protecting, Restoring and Expanding Nature's Financial Benefits by John Rogers, President, Keystone Conservation Trust.

Note: Information on how to access the taped webinars and register for upcoming webinars are included below. Please contact John with any questions.

- Taped versions of each webinar in the series are available at:
<http://extension.psu.edu/water/webinar-series/past-webinars>
- If you have not registered for past water webinars, please visit the following website to register so we can keep you updated about future webinar offerings:
<http://extension.psu.edu/water/webinar-series/schedule/registration>
- If this will be your first webinar, you may want to test your computer and internet connection for compatibility at: https://meeting.psu.edu/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

Agricultural Committee: (Bill Stoffel)

- Bill attended a seminar on 2/7/2017 at the Lebanon Valley Conservation District Agricultural Center on Chapter 102 and 91: Manure Management Plan for Agriculture (6 - hour course). This is important for farms, esp. if along a water body. (Soil sample requested)
- PA State Agriculture Days in Boalsburg, PA – August 17 – 19, 2017.
- Lebanon Valley Farm Safety course – April 1, 2017 (0900 – 1400); cost - \$10 at the Lebanon Valley Agricultural Center, Cornwall Rd, Lebanon, PA. (family affair)

Landscaping Committee: None

Pipeline Monitoring Committee: (Megan Detter)

- Discussion at SLT Supervisor Workshop on 3/1/2017 – Sunoco Mariner East pipeline were granted DEP permits 102 and 105; despite these permits, the pipeline companies still needs to follow SLT ordinances, relating to storm water.

Old Business:

- a. Review of the EAC natural area inventory
 - i. Status update – refer to Natural Area Committee update.
- b. Township management of Natural Areas
 - i. Review mowing schedule and management (all existing natural areas) – updated by Soon, Rugh, and Sid on March 8, 2017 (clarification of previous schedule, dated 3/11/2015). The planted areas (B) include Lawn Park, Colebrook, and Stone Knoll; non-planted areas (A) include all other township land. Motion to accept by Jane; 2nd by Soon; Motion carried to send to SLT Supervisors for review.
 - ii. There is a separate management protocol for Stone Knoll area (undated) created by the SLT Department of Public Works (no update or change required).
- c. South Londonderry Township Community Garden
 - i. Any updates from meeting – 16 residents expressed interest
 1. Megan will work on layout plot plan for area located near current sewage treatment plant.
- d. Educational Workshops
 - i. Decide on workshop(s) for 2017 – MS4 PowerPoint Presentation by EAC at SLT Supervisor meeting: May 9, 2017 1900. (alternate dates: 3/29/17 1430; 4/11/2017 1900; 4/26/2017 1430) Motion to accept by Soon; 2nd by Rugh; Motion passed. (Public advertisement needed)
 - ii. Solicit volunteers to plan workshop(s) – MS4 presentation by Mike or Megan
- e. EAC Member Information
 - i. Status of updates – reviewed spreadsheet created by township manager; Jane will update changes and resubmit to manager.

New Business: Earth Day tree planting in Derry Township and Lower Swatara noted; see Manada Conservancy website for education programs offered in March and April.

Good and Welfare: None

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 2015 by Rugh; 2nd by Mike; motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jane T. Popko

Next EAC Meeting: April 12, 2017