

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

Meeting September 14, 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, Mike Callahan, Rugh Henderson, Megan Detter, John Van Zant, Eva Stahley, Steve Darhower and Jane Popko

**Public Comment:** None

### Approval of Minutes:

7/13/2016: Motion to accept by Bill, 2nd by Rugh, motion carried

### Correspondence:

**Board of Supervisors:** Rugh and Bill commented on native plantings and commended Eva Stahley for maintaining beds around township building.

See SLT supervisor minutes for updates on Park Rules and Regulations (passed), open burning (still pending), and pet leashing regulations (passed).

**Municipal Authority Minutes:** None

**Planning Committee Minutes:** None

### Committee Reports:

**Natural Areas Committee:** (Soon Slayman) – The application to Penn State Agriculture was sent for free trees for the natural area in Campbelltown Park. The request was not granted for this year. The is a yearly grant and we might have a better chance next year if we expand the scope of our project.

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

- Lebanon County is in a drought watch, suggesting voluntary reductions in water use. (see DEP website for a fact sheet from the state).
- 9/15/2016 – “Imagine a day without water” – PA American Water and country wide participation.
- Private well legislation – on hold statewide.
- Storm water (MS4) requirements still pending (see PRWA.org for more information); some municipalities are beginning to charge fees/household or business.  
Lebanon County Storm Water Coalition is responsible for SLT; expectation to reduce storm water runoff/sedimentation by 10% within the next 5 years; programs expected to be in effect by August 1, 2017. (Mike is managing for Derry Twp); Shawn was working with Scott on this project for SLT.
- Bill suggested that SLT apply for a grant from the Lebanon County Conservation District for free rain barrels. Motion to accept by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve, motion carried.

**Agricultural and Historical Committee:** (Bill Stoffel)

- Garden plots for SLT near sewage treatment plant. Lay out possible this fall for spring gardens. Sid to talk to Scott about possibilities, as well as water access and a storage shed.
- Township supervisors declined opportunity for land swap with the game commission to acquire the Old Mill; Scott to contact and seek conditions for swap from game commission.
- Bill to develop proposal for an independent historical society to lease Old Mill property from SLT using private funds to maintain and acquire liability insurance.

**Landscaping Committee:** (Eva Stahley absent)

- "Landscaping" report via email. I have seen dozens of monarch caterpillars around the municipal building. A butterfly weed has totally been devoured by the caterpillars. Also - I will be replanting the rain garden as it has become so weedy. It is quite bare now as it was easier to do a wholesale rip and tear instead of a meticulous cleaning. I have plenty in my yard to replant it. Steve and Soon assist Eva.
- Sid, Steve and Soon will assist Eva to work with landscaper for the new municipal building on environmental features and native plantings.

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

- There is no new news on the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline – the EIS is due by the end of October.
- Sunoco Mariner East/PA pipeline – DEP sited deficiencies; need to resurvey and address these deficiencies (too numerous to document) delaying startup by several months; currently doing maintenance on existing pipeline.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Review of the EAC natural area inventory – continue research and additions.
- 2) National Night Out Review
  - Active participation with soil surveys (80-110 kids); caterpillar petting zoo
  - Suggest more lighting in the new area (Campbelltown Park) for safety
  - Maintain folder and aids in storage for next year
- 3) 2017 EAC Slate of officers
  - Continue thinking about chair and committee positions for 2017
  - Chair to co-chair transition
  - Inform Sid by the end of November
- 4) Green waste recycling – tabled till next meeting
- 5) Green way tree project – tabled till next meeting

**New Business:**

- 1) Monthly EAC activities, now and in the future
  - Sid suggested EAC develop better communications with other boards with projects assigned by SLT supervisors, using EAC as a resource.
  - EAC to provide suggestions to the SLT supervisors.
  - Suggest budget amount for 2017 from SLT supervisors (\$1000-line item) – provide receipts to give to township. (possible volunteer treasurer to maintain accounting of dollars)
  - \$500 donation needs to be accounted for. Currently, only used to purchase dogwood tree.
- 2) Discuss our next meeting – due to supervisor meeting being held at Timbers in Mt. Gretna on 10/12/2016, the EAC meeting will be the following Wed. 10/19/2016.

**Good and Welfare:** None

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made by Bill at 20:08; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve; motion carried

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

**Next EAC Meeting**      October 19, 2016 at 19:00