

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

April 22, 2021

7:00 pm

1. Call to order

Helise called the meeting to order at 7:06PM

Committee:

Helise Bichefsky, DO – Chair

Brian Walker – Vice Chair

John Butow – Secretary

Brendan Phillips

Zoe Warner, PhD

Dan Kunze

Tiffany Brouillet (absent)

Public:

Beth Intoccia

Mark King

Staff:

Alicia Marziani

Chris Bashore

2. New Business

a. Litter Lifters of West Vincent Township/EAC- Beth Intoccia

Beth Intoccia reached out to the committee to speak about her initiative in West Vincent Township called Litter Lifters. She talked about her program that she created in keeping in line with the “Keep PA Beautiful” program. She stated that she was also looking to pitch the idea at the County level.

Brian asked if these are formal events. Beth stated that yes, these are planned out events. Helise stated that this may be something to bring to the Parks and Rec committee.

b. Pollinator Garden – Zoe

Helise and Zoe have been talking about a pollinator garden. The committee discussed a possible idea to find a place in the Borough to stage a flower bed as a demonstration plot.

Chris asked how large these beds are. Zoe responded that they are an acre or less. This will be something the administrative office will keep in mind for future projects.

c. Review of current borough ordinances – Brian/Chris Bashore

Brian asked Chris for all codes regarding the EAC. Chris informed the committee that they may not be able to change some aspects due to state laws. Chris asked the committee to email over any questions to run past the Borough solicitor.

Zoe discussed the stormwater ordinance. She said most Borough development does not adhere to the ordinance because most of the buildings were in place prior to its adoption. The original ordinance was adopted in 2005, and was replaced by a new ordinance in 2014.

d. Tree Coverage

The committee asked about tree coverage. The Borough cannot regulate the tree coverage outside the borough ordinance which only allows for 10 feet in from the road on private property. Otherwise the landowner has complete rights to their trees.

e. Committee Opening

John Butow announced that he will be moving out of the Malvern Borough and will be stepping down as of June.

3. Old Business

a. Planting at Quann Park- CRC Restoration project – Zoe

The committee discussed the CRC Planting that happened on April 16 and 17. The plans for maintenance and everything else will be handled at the Borough level. The CRC will return in the Fall to check on the plantings.

b. MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) – Dan Daley

Dan Daley, Borough Engineer, was present at this evening's meeting to discuss the MS4 plan that was submitted to the county.

c. Committee/Board updates

i. Borough Council- Chris Bashore

Grants were awarded for the Pump track. This project will now go to the Borough engineer to design.

ii. Comp Task

There will be a vision meeting with the community that we ask all committees to attend if possible.

4. Public Comment

Mark King talked about the Wildflower idea and will send over more information. Mark King has attended a Pollinator Garden Conference. He will connect with Zoe with info if the PG moves forward in the borough. He will be sending a video to Tiffany regarding composting in your backyard. He agrees that trash collection should be reduced to 1xweek.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was called to end at 8:33. Brendan moved to end, John seconded, calling the meeting at 8:33 PM. Next meeting is set for May 27th 2021 at 7pm via ZOOM.