

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

February 25, 2021

7:00 pm

1. Call to order

Alicia called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Committee Present:

Helise Bichefsky, DO – Chair

Brian Walker – Vice Chair

John Butow – Secretary

Tiffany Brouillet

Zoe Warner, PhD

Brendan Phillips

Staff:

Alicia Marziani, Administrative Assistant/

Parks & Recreation Coordinator

Public:

Mark King, Resident

Dan Kunze, Resident

Alyssa Harvey, West Chester University  
student

2. Minutes

The committee voted 6-0-1, Brendan abstained due to not being at last meeting, to approve the January minutes with edits.

3. New Business

i. Committee opening

Before the committee this evening is Dan Kunze, who has applied to fill the opening on the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). The EAC had the opportunity to interview him at the last meeting. This evening the committee will discuss the possible new member and recommend them for appointment.

The EAC asked Dan a few questions prior to entering into a private session to discuss this matter.

The committee voted 7-0 to recommended Dan to serve on the EAC. This will now be presented to Borough Council at their next meeting for appointment. The EAC welcomes Dan.

ii. EAC Year in Review

Helise and Alicia meet to review the EAC's 2020 report that will be presented to Borough Council. This report details the activities with each committee and what they hope to accomplish in the next year. Helise will write up the report and send it around to the other members for review before submitting it to Borough Council.

iii. Allyssa Harvey

Alyssa Harvey, a student at West Chester University (WCU), is working on a community project. She was invited to talk by Helise who heard about this program and thought it would fit in nicely with the EAC.

Alyssa discussed her backgrounds and what this program is about. She stated that she is a student at WCU as well as an Intern with ARUFIT. The idea is to survey the community on sustainability and eventually create a community education program. She wished to appear in front of the EAC to see if they wanted to share this information.

iv. 2021 Vision and Focus/ Role of the committee members

Helise opened the conversation by stating that the EAC does not have a goal currently to work towards. Helise asked the members about the direction they see the EAC moving towards.

Brendan commented that the EAC should focus on high level change, looking to the future for things to help out the environment, and ways to help guide the EAC. Helise added that it would be nice to do one event for the community once a quarter, but to keep the focus on big changes. Alicia commented that the EAC are the “thinkers” and the Parks & Recreation Committee are the “doers,” as well as having the two work together to create events and big picture changes.

v. Social Media Posts

Alicia and Brian gave an update on the EAC’s social media. To date, the Facebook page has 270 follows. Brian discussed some of the posts that received significant attention. The EAC is always looking for relative information to share for our residents.

4. Old Business

i. North ChesCo EAC gathering

Helise and Brian attended the regional meeting of EACs, which was held on Wednesday February 24, 2021. Both found it to be very educational and hope to keep attending these meetings.

ii. CRC Watersheds Cleanup on March 20, 2021

The EAC discussed the upcoming CRC Clean Up that will be held on March 20, 2021 at both Randolph Woods and Quann Park. A few members will be in attendance at this event as volunteers.

iii. Master Watershed Program

Zoe discussed her upcoming program that starts next month and will be held on Wednesday nights until June. The EAC looks forward to hearing updates from her.

iv. Committee/ Board updates with information related to EAC

i. Borough Council

1. Brendan discussed that the Borough is applying for grants for the Pump Track and is continuing to work on the Quann Park Improvement Project.
- ii. Comp Task
  1. Zoe discussed that a subcommittee was created to look at the large pieces of lands in the Borough for future use and they will look to the EAC for recommendations.
- iii. Planning
  1. Zoe discussed updates to the Borough's Subdivision & Land Development Ordinances, including replacement tree list updates to reflect native species.
- iv. Parks
  1. Helise had no updates to this time.
5. Public Comment

No public comment.
6. Adjournment

The next meeting is set for March 25th, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom. Helise adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.