

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT:

Helise Bichefsky, DO  
John Butow  
Brendan Phillips  
Brian Walker  
Zoe Warner, PhD

ABSENT:

John Meisel

Staff, Members of Borough Council, & Professionals Present:

Christopher Bashore, Borough Manager  
Marty Laney, Member, Borough Council

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of Unfinished Business for discussion.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Selection of Officers

Christopher Bashore stated that the Environmental Advisory Council will need to select the following officers pursuant to the Borough's Administrative Code: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

- Chair – A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Zoe Warner, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to appoint Helise Bichefsky as the Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council.
- Vice-Chair – A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by John Butow, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to appoint Brian Walker as the Vice-Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council.
- Secretary – A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Zoe Warner, and carried by a vote 5-0, to appoint John Butow as the Secretary for the Environmental Advisory Council.

b. Scheduling of regular meeting date/time

Christopher Bashore stated that the Borough's volunteer boards and committees traditionally have set dates and times for ease in advertising. A list of the existing meeting dates were reviewed. Christopher Bashore recommended the fourth Thursday for a set meeting date. Members of the Council discussed the possibility of the second Thursday

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and asked that Christopher Bashore check the Borough's calendar regarding availability on the second or fourth Thursday of each month.

The members of the Environmental Advisory Council discussed the next meeting date. The next meeting will be held on March 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall.

### c. Review of Ordinance No. 2019 – 10 and discussion of future meeting topics

Christopher Bashore reviewed the duties of the Environmental Advisory Council as outlined in Ordinance No. 2019 – 10. It was noted that the Environmental Advisory Council serves as an advisory board to Borough Council. Helise Bichfsky asked about technical expertise. Christopher Bashore stated that the Borough retains several professionals, including the Borough Solicitor and Engineer, and that the Environmental Advisory Council would have access to those professionals. John Butow noted his professional experience in this field.

Questions were asked regarding the Environmental Advisory Council's involvement with various projects. Brendan Phillips asked if signs promoting clean air could be installed, noting the pick-up at St. Patrick's School. Christopher Bashore stated that he would need to speak with the Borough Solicitor regarding this possibility. Discussion occurred on the review of proposed subdivision and land development projects and if such items as electronic vehicle charging stations could be required. Christopher Bashore stated that this could be recommended for larger projects, but he is unsure if this could be required. John Butow reviewed his experience with LEED building standards. Marty Laney recommended a theme of "what can you do for Malvern."

Topics for educational programs and discussion items included the following:

- Composting and recycling
- Watershed management and conservation
- Using less plastics

It was noted that the Borough's various communication means could be used to provide educational resources.

Marty Laney recommended speaking with the local Boy Scout troop about potential projects. Brian Walker noted that he had been in touch with the chair of the Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Council, Adrienne Redd. It was recommended that she be invited to the next meeting in order to discuss her experience and what worked and did not work when the Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Council was beginning.

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sidne Bagline, 203 Channing Avenue, appeared before the Environmental Advisory Council in order to discuss her experiences serving on this type of body. Ms. Bagline provided

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documents on native plants and invasive species to the Environmental Advisory Council. The members of the Environmental Advisory Council thanked her for sharing her experiences and for providing resources for their review.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Zoe Warner, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christopher Bashore  
Borough Manager