

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

AGENDA

January 28, 2021

7:00 pm

1. Call to order

Helise Bichesky, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Committee Present:

Helise Bichesky, DO – Chair

Brian Walker – Vice Chair

John Butow – Secretary

Tiffany Brouillet

Zoe Warner, PhD

Absent:

Brendan Phillips

Staff:

Alicia Marziani, Administrative

Assistant/Parks & Recreation

Coordinator

Public:

Mark King, resident

Dan Kunze, resident

Danny Fruchter, resident

Erik Hetzel, Willistown

Conservation Trust

Kurt Leininger, resident

2. Minutes

No minutes to approve at this time.

3. New Business

a. Membership

There are currently one (1) vacancies on the Environmental Advisory Council. Functions of this body include promoting education about the Borough's natural resources, identifying environmental problems, and reviewing the environmental aspects of subdivision and land development applications before the Borough. The individuals appointed will complete a terms that expires on January 1, 2022.

Dan Kunze has applied to fill the opening on this committee. He is in attendance at this evenings meeting.

Dan first asked how this committee came to be. Brian Walker, Vice Chair, responded that it came out of seeing a void in the Boroughs committees after creating the Randolph Woods Committee and thereafter Master Plan.

Dan introduced himself and stated he is interested in watershed and stormwater impact regarding subdivision and development. He has been an active member of other volunteer organizations in this same field. Moved to Malvern recently and wanted to get involved.

b. Master Watershed Program

Zoey attended an open house regarding the Master Watershed Steward Program through Penn State Extension. This program consists of 10 weeks of classes, 50 hours of volunteer first year, and 20 hours of volunteering every year after. Zoe will work with Alicia and Chris regarding application and

payment.

c. CRC invasive species removal

Alicia informed the committee of the CRC Invasive removal project that is taking place in the Paoli Battlefield woods behind Quann Park.

d. North ChesCo EAC gathering

Brian informed the committee of a new group for local EACs in northern Chester County. The first meeting is Wednesday February 24th at 6:30pm virtually. Brian will send out email regarding this gathering to committee.

4. Old Business

a. Dog waste

Zoe sent Alicia images for a dog waste post for the website and email. The committee talked about what they can do to combat this issues. Signage was brought up to look into. We will keep this topic on the agenda.

b. Facebook

Brian informed the committee of a movie he watched called “Kiss the Sky” regarding the environment. He share this on the Facebook for EAC and encouraged others to share it as well.

As of tonight’s meeting, the EAC Facebook page has 225 Linked page.

The next topic of the committee discussed posting about was composting. There has been a large increase in interest and the committee can share personal recourses. A number of committee members compost at home and would be happy to share information for other residents. Helise, Tiffany, John and Mark King to work on this project together and bring ideas back to the committee.

c. Committee/ Board updates

This topic was tabled due to lack of time.

5. Public Comment

Danny Fruchter, resident, is here with Erik Hetzel from the Willistown Conversation Trust and Kurt Leininger, resident. Danny is in front of the committee to discuss the Malvern Retreat Property. Erik Hetzel of the WCT spoke regarding the Malvern Retreat property. Zoe requested this added to the next month’s agenda.

6. Adjournment

The next meeting is set for February 25th, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom. Helise adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.