

EAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helise Bichefsky, D.O., Chair (via Zoom)
Zoë Warner, Ph.D., Secretary
Tiffany Brouillet
Christine Hafer
Brendan Phillips
Joanne Zhou

ABSENT:

Brian Walker, Vice-Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Helise Bichefsky called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tiffany Brouillet, seconded by Joanne Zhou and carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve the minutes from July 28, 2022. Brendan Phillips and Zoë Warner abstained from the vote because they were not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Rain Garden Event

The EAC set October 1, 2022 as the date for the community rain garden planting event at Quann Park. Prior to the event, Corinne Badmin will contact Borough Engineer Dan Daley to determine who should plant the Ernst seed mix and cover crop. Corinne will also set up an account with North Creek Nursery. Zoë and Joanne will choose plant species for the event based on pricing and availability. Brendan and Helise will work on developing educational signage that will eventually be placed near the rain garden.

A motion was made by Brendan, seconded by Zoe and carried by a vote of 6-0 to change the budget for the event from \$500 to \$800 to pay for the plants, snacks, and gardening gloves needed for the event.

2. Borough Broadcaster - Fall

Helise and Brian Walker will write an article on the shade tree ordinance.

Tiffany will write an article on how to eat seasonally.

3. National Solar Tour

Borough resident, Mark King, will participate in the National Solar Tour on October 1st and 2nd, 2022. His house (16 Griffith Avenue) will serve as a demonstration location on the tour. Mark will have an open house on those days to present the benefits of installing residential solar panels and discuss other sustainability measures he implemented at his

property. The EAC will advertise the event on its social media page. Tiffany will work with Mark to promote the event.

4. Code Enforcement/Fines for cutting trees: Review Ordinance
Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sustainability Division of Chester County Planning Commission
Nothing to report
2. Chargers for Police Vehicles
Plugs have been installed to allow the police to charge the computers in their cars. Previously officers would have to run their cars continuously to keep their computers charged. Using the plugs reduces idling and resulting emissions and reduces wear and tear on the vehicles.
3. The Loop
Nothing to report
4. St. Patrick's Park Clean Up
St. Patrick School would like to have 30-40 students participate in a community clean up in the Borough. The EAC will recommend the students collect litter in Randolph Woods and at the Paoli Battlefield.

FUTURE EVENTS

1. Community Composting Pilot Program
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds have been allocated to pilot a curbside community composting program. Curbside composting has the potential to reduce the amount of trash collected in the Borough, which could reduce Borough waste disposal costs. Tiffany will make a presentation to Borough Council at the October 4, 2022 meeting describing the curbside composting program. Tiffany and Corinne will draft a community survey, which will be reviewed by the EAC at its September 22. The purpose of the survey is to determine interest in the program.

To promote curbside composting and maintain high levels of participation throughout the pilot program, the EAC will provide ongoing updates to residents that include statistics on the Borough's composting progress.
2. Christmas on King – Make your own recycled decoration
Christine Hafer will provide the EAC with a list of supplies we will need for the event.

3. Multi-Township EAC Educational Event

Nothing to Report

4. Dark Skies Initiative

Nothing to Report

5. Stormwater Ordinance Review

Nothing to Report

6. Bird Town Initiative

Nothing to Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Social Media

Christine will manage social media posts to increase the EAC's visibility.

2. Borough Updates

Nothing to report

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips and seconded by Tiffany Brouillet and carried by a vote of 6-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Zoë Warner