

EAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helise Bichefsky, D.O., Chair  
Brian Walker, Vice-Chair  
Zoë Warner, Ph.D., Secretary  
Tiffany Brouillet  
Brendan Phillips

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Helise Bichefsky called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Election of Officers for 2022

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Tiffany Brouillet, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to elect Helise Bichefsky Chairperson for the EAC.

A motion was made by Brendan, seconded by Tiffany, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to elect BrianWalker Vice-Chairperson for the EAC.

A motion was made by Brendan, seconded by Tiffany, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to elect Zoë Warner Secretary for the EAC.

3. MINUTES

A motion was made by Brendan, seconded by Tiffany, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes from October 28, 2021.

New Business

1. Administrative Business

Dan Kunze was not reappointed to the EAC because he will be temporarily relocating to a residence outside of Malvern Borough.

2. Applicant for EAC vacancy

Joanne Zhou applied for the vacancy. She attended the meeting and was interviewed by the committee.

3. Joint Committee Creation

Borough Manager Tiffany Loomis will talk to Amy Finkbiner (MBC President) regarding the creation of joint committees/communication bodies to address issues that span the interests of multiple Borough committees.

4. Energy Efficient Borough Holiday Lights  
The EAC will look into designing/purchasing more energy efficient lighting for the town's holiday tree. The current lighting used to decorate the tree in Burke Park is expensive and energy inefficient.
4. Solar Panels  
The EAC discussed the possibility of installing solar panels on Borough buildings. Committee members proposed possible locations. The committee also discussed the possibility of purchasing electric vehicles as police patrol vehicles need replacing. These issues will continue to be explored at future meetings with the intension of presenting a proposal to Borough Council.
5. Litter Lifters  
Kathleen Malloy, a resident of Charleston Greene, requested permission to gather a group of volunteers to clean up the gravel road behind Charleston Greene close to the intersection of King and Sugartown Roads. Ms. Malloy requested permission to clean up the trash along this area and have Public Works remove the trash. Ms. Malloy was not certain if this area is entirely in the Borough or if it is shared with East Whiteland. The EAC will determine if this location is within the Borough's jurisdiction to determine how to move forward.
6. 2021 Annual Report  
Helise and Brian will submit a summary of the EAC's 2021 activity for the report.

#### Old Business

1. Community Composting Pilot Program  
Tiffany will present the program to Borough Council in the spring to request funding to support the program.
2. Recycling Bins  
An EAC representative along with Parks and Rec representative will request dual unit recycling bins in Borough Parks—Burke, Quann, Herzak, and Rubino—and in Randolph Woods. These would replace existing recycling bins. The cost will be ~\$2000 per unit.
3. Rain garden  
No new information.
4. Borough Broadcaster Article  
Helise and Zoë wrote an article about the importance of cleaning up dog waste for the winter issue. Tiffany will write an article about non-toxic spring cleaning for the spring issue.

5. EAC Vacancy

A vote was taken at the end of the meeting to fill the vacancy.

6. Committee reports

- a. Borough council – nothing to report
- b. Comprehensive Plan Task Force – nothing to report
- c. Planning Commission – nothing to report
- d. Parks and Rec – nothing to report
- e. Master Watershed Program – nothing to report

Public Comment

Mark King looked up the potential locations for installing solar panels in the borough on Google Maps. He saw some locations that could be ideal for solar power.

Vote on vacancy

A motion was made by Brendan, seconded by Tiffany, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to elect Joanne Zhou to fill an open spot on the EAC.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Brendan and seconded by Tiffany and carried by a vote of 5-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Zoë Warner