

MALVERN BOROUGH  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Malvern, PA 19355

February 24, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

EAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Helise Bichefsky called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. MINUTES

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Brian Walker and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the minutes from January 27, 2022 (Tiffany Brouillet and Zoe Warner had not joined via Zoom at this time).

New Business

1. Administrative Business

The EAC has been allotted \$1000 for the FY2022.

2. Year 2021 Annual EAC Report

Helise prepared a report on the EAC's activities to be presented to the Malvern Borough Council.

3. Borough Council Approval of Joanne Zhou

Joanne Zhou attended the February meeting as a newly appointed member.

4. ARPA Grant Funding

There will be 2 distributions of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act totaling approximately \$300,000. The funds should be used for items that cannot be funded through other grants. The EAC discussed possible uses of the funds (e.g., solar panels on Borough buildings, EV charging station, streambank stabilization along Warren Avenue, EV vehicles for Malvern Police Department). The EAC will determine which uses are most feasible and could be developed into a proposal to be presented to ARPA task force.

Old Business

1. Recycle Bins

On behalf of the EAC and Parks and Recreation, Brian and Brendan presented a plan for installing dual recycling and trash receptacles in Borough parks to MBC on February 15,

2022. The MBC agreed to a pilot program focusing on one park in which multiple bins will be placed throughout a park, most likely Burke Park. Brendan will manage the project going forward. The Borough will also need to invest in a collection container to be placed on Borough-owned buildings.

2. Joint Committee Creation

When an issue is being discussed that spans multiple committees, an email chain will be started to inform all involved committees. This way each committee can be represented to create more cross-over and facilitate communication on the issue. Tiffany Loomis and Corinne Badman will be formalizing the process.

Additionally, the EAC would like to keep Borough Council abreast of the issues we are discussing and recommending. The EAC will prepare a quarterly report for the MBC.

3. Borough Holiday Lights

It is possible Christmas on King will be expanded. It is recommended that any lights purchased should be energy efficient. This will be a large investment, so the EAC should try to partner with the MBBC on the purchase of new lights.

4. Solar Panels

Brendan Phillips will gather cost information on solar panels. Based on the information, the EAC will consider making a formal recommendation to purchase solar panels.

5. EAC Vacancy

There is still one vacancy on the EAC. Members discussed possible opportunities to increase recruiting for committees and providing more information about the various committees in the Borough.

6. Year 2022 Annual Budget

The EAC has not formally delineated expected expenditures for FY2022. At every meeting, members will decide if it is necessary to ask for funding for items/events. This will help the EAC build a formal budget.

Completed Events

None

Future Events

1. Community Composting Pilot Program

Tiffany will present the pilot program at one of the MBC's April meetings.

2. Rain Garden Development/Demonstration

The project is approved but is on hold.

3. Borough Broadcaster

Tiffany will write about options for spring cleaning.

#### Committee reports

- a. Social Media – There will be an effort to increase volunteerism in the Borough.
- b. Borough council – nothing to report
- c. Committees – nothing to report

#### Public Comment

John Buckley has ongoing problems with stormwater on his property. The Borough Engineer will be looking into it.

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Brendan and seconded by Brian and carried by a vote of 6-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Zoë Warner