

MALVERN BOROUGH  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Malvern, PA 19355

September 22, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

EAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zoë Warner, Ph.D., Secretary  
Tiffany Brouillet  
Brendan Phillips  
Joanne Zhou

ABSENT:

Helise Bichefsky, D.O., Chair  
Brian Walker, Vice-Chair  
Christine Hafer

CALL TO ORDER

Zoe Warner called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Tiffany Brouillet and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the minutes from August 25, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Borough Broadcaster - Fall

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

2. National Solar Tour

Borough resident, Mark King's house (16 Griffith Avenue) will be part of the National Solar Tour on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. To promote the event Corinne posted the flyer on the EAC Facebook page and the Malvern Facebook page. Mark will also promote the event on other social media platforms. Mr. King expects visitors to include those who sign up and as well as walk-ups.

3. Community Composting Program

Tiffany shared the presentation she will make to Malvern Borough Council at their October 4th meeting. The presentation described the curbside composting pilot program and the potential benefits for the Borough. EAC members provided feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Administrative Business

Christine Hafer will be in charge of promoting the EAC. She will create posts that can be shared across the Borough's social media platforms. To maintain uniformity across

platforms, Christine will submit items to Corinne who will post them. Corinne will create an Instagram account for the EAC.

2. Bird Town Initiative

Zoë proposed joining the PA Bird Town initiative. Bird Town Pennsylvania works with local municipalities to promote community-based conservation actions to create a healthier, more sustainable environment for birds, wildlife, and people. Malvern Borough is already engaged in many of the actions Bird Town is encouraging to help birds. EAC members determined Zoë should work with Heidi Shiver from Bird Town Pennsylvania to apply for the program.

3. Trash Survey Review

The MBC has requested a Borough-wide survey to gather residents' opinions on possible changes to trash collection. Corinne presented sample questions for the survey. EAC members discussed questions regarding curbside composting that could be added to the survey. Tiffany and Corinne will finalize two questions for inclusion in the survey.

## REVIEW OF COMPLETE EVENTS

1. Rain Garden Event

The EAC held a community rain garden planting event at Quann Park on September 17, 2022. Seventeen people, including 5 members of the EAC and their children, attended the event. Due to contractor illness, only part of the area was prepared for the planting. Some plants had to be reserved until the rest of the basin was prepared. The basin is now complete, and those plants will be planted as soon as possible.

The EAC will erect an educational sign at the completed basin. The EAC will use the template provided by PennState Extension, which will include the EAC's and Malvern Borough's logos. Zoë will determine if it is possible to make changes to some of the plant species on the sign. The sign will be purchased before the end of the year.

## FUTURE EVENTS

1. Christmas on King – Make your own recycled decoration

Christine will be in charge of the event. Since Christine was absent, the EAC will discuss the event at the next meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Borough Council Update

The MBC received an email from State Representative Kristine Howard stating Malvern Borough has been awarded \$158,249 for Randolph Woods improvements through the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program. This funding will provide a match for the

\$250K grant from DCNR. This money will be used to implement Phase I of the Randolph Woods Master Plan, which includes increasing visitors to the park, trail improvement, forest restoration, and invasive species removal.

Willistown Township submitted a review of the 2022 Comprehensive Plan. The township expressed an interest in the Randolph Woods Master Plan, and they may be willing to contribute to implementing the plan in the future.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark King, 16 Griffith Ave., said a house has been torn down on his block and is being replaced by a much larger house. He expressed concern about the impact of increased lot coverage with regard to stormwater runoff.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips and seconded by Tiffany Brouillet and carried by a vote of 4-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Zoë Warner