

MALVERN BOROUGH  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Malvern, PA 19355

April 28, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

EAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Helise Bichefsky called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 March 24, 2022. Brian Walker and Joanne Zhou abstained from the vote because they were not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Borough Council Approval of EAC Member

The MBC approved the appointment of Christine Hafer was approved by the MBC at their April 5, 2022 meeting.

2. Recycling Bins

Dual recycling/trash receptacles will be placed at Burke and Quann Parks as a pilot program. Others are expected to follow.

3. Rain Garden Development

The rain garden construction is on hold until Quann Park is updated. The rain garden is expected to be constructed in the fall with a community planting to accompany it. A date for the community event will be announced. The EAC will work with Penn State Extension to develop educational signage.

4. Solar/LED Christmas Lights/EV Charging Stations

These items were up for consideration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

5. CRC Watersheds

The EAC recommended making a \$500 donation to CRC Watersheds for the ongoing work this organization has done in the Borough. The MBC approved a \$500 donation to the organization. Next year this can be a line item for Malvern Borough's budget and donated to sponsor the CRC Cleanup in the spring.

6. American Rescue Plan Act Funding

The ARPA task force will recommend funding for replacing all lights in Borough Hall with LEDs, installation of EV charging stations, and curbside composting. It will not recommend funding the installation of solar panels or replacing the Christmas lights with LEDs. A portion of the ARPA funds will go to stormwater mitigation projects. Pending approval of the ARPA recommendations, the EAC will recommend the MBC allocate a portion of the stormwater funds to develop a Master Stormwater Plan.

7. Community Composting Pilot Program

Residents will be surveyed to determine the level of interest in participating in curbside composting to determine the viability of this program for the Borough.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Administrative Business

An "EAC Initiative Log" has been created. The log will be used to track activity on EAC initiatives and will be updated as needed. All members will have access to the log. The log will be used to determine agenda items for upcoming meetings.

2. Tree Sapling Donation Event

Bartlett Tree Experts will donate 100 trees to the Borough to be distributed to residents in the fall. The EAC will determine a date for distribution in September 2022.

3. Community Garden

Residents have expressed interest in establishing a community garden in the Borough. The EAC will determine if this is feasible given available land in the Borough.

4. East Whiteland EAC Initiative

Pat McDonald, a member of East Whiteland EAC, attended the meeting to learn about Malvern EAC. She proposed the creation of joint initiatives among local EACs within the Great Valley School District (Willistown, Malvern, East Whiteland, and Charlestown) to work on issues where there is overlap. She suggested possible future collaboration.

5. Dark Skies Initiative

The EAC will develop a dark skies ordinance and make a recommendation for adoption to MBC.

#### 6. Stormwater Resource Website

Zoë Warner presented an initiative begun in the MPC to create a single resource for all issues related stormwater. The website would be maintained by Borough staff and supported by the MPC and EAC. The Borough is updating the current website. Once this is completed the Stormwater Resource page will be added.

#### 7. Codes Enforcement/Fines for tree cutting

The EAC will study the ordinance related to tree removal to determine how fines are levied and if they are appropriate. The EAC would like to see collected fines go back to tree replenishment within the Borough. Brendan Phillips will study the ordinance and present his findings at the next EAC meeting.

#### 8. Need Community Event

The EAC would like to hold an event to engage with the community. Ideas for possible future events were discussed.

#### 9. Budget Request

No requests were made at this meeting.

### COMPLETED EVENTS

Borough Broadcaster - The EAC had one article published in the spring newsletter.

### FUTURE EVENTS

Parks and Rec will hold “Perennials in the Park” on May 7, 2022 at 3:00 pm. A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Brian Walker, and carried by a vote of 7-0 for the EAC to co-sponsor the event.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1. Social Media

The EAC needs to increase its visibility on social media. Tiffany Brouillet has an article on spring cleaning that will be published on Instagram.

#### 2. Borough Updates

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on June 5, 2022. Members of the EAC are encouraged to attend and represent the EAC among the Borough’s committees.

3. Borough Council Update – nothing to report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark King hopes the Borough will move to a once-a-week trash pickup.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips and seconded by Brian Walker and carried by a vote of 7-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Zoë Warner