

MALVERN BOROUGH  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Malvern, PA 19355

February 23, 2023  
7:30 pm

EAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zoë Warner, Ph.D. Chair  
Helise Bichesky-Reilly, DO, Vice-Chair  
Christine Hafer, Secretary  
Tiffany Brouillet  
Joanne Zhou

Absent:

Brendan Phillips

1. Call to order

Zoë Warner, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Helise Bichesky-Reilly, DO, seconded by Tiffany Brouillet, and carried a vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes from January 26, 2023.

3. Old Business

- a. Community Composting Program - program recruitment- We currently have 43 residents who have responded that they would like to take part in the pilot program.
- b. Bird Town Application - MBC presentation review  
Zoë Warner presented the Bird Town PA program to Borough Council on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. The Council approved the program and a new group of 5 residents will be formed to support this initiative.
- c. Stormwater Master Plan - MBC presentation review  
Zoë Warner presented a proposal for developing a Stormwater Master Plan to Borough Council on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Assistant manager Corinne Badman will research grant money to support this plan.
- d. Homegrown National Park Initiative - committee collaborations and next steps

Christine Hafer and Helise Bichesky-Reilly followed up with the Shade Tree Commission and they were open to co-writing articles with the EAC for the Borough Broadcaster. A suggestion was to add the STC tree list to their website to educate the general public about the available trees.

Helise Bichesky-Reilly presented to the Historical Commission and at the time they directed the EAC to work with the Shade Tree

Commission about identifying the legacy trees. We will follow up with both commissions to find out about a current list of legacy trees.

A motion was made by Helise Bichefsky-Reilly, seconded by Joanne Zhou, to recommend to the Borough Council that all future planting on the borough-owned property be at least 80% native species and chosen from a list provided by the EAC.

#### 4. New Business

- a. Broadcaster Newsletter - April (summer) Helise Bichefsky-Reilly will write an article in relation to the Malvern Library/EAC book initiative, *Nature's Best Hope*.  
Helise Bichefsky-Reilly will write another article about the legacy trees once more information is researched about these trees.
- b. Tidewater Rain Garden  
Zoë Warner met with a member of the Tidewater community to discuss the possibility of a rain garden to help with the stormwater coming from the Paoli Memorial Grounds into the Tidewater Community.
- c. EAC vacancy-  
Cecelia Oswald presented her resume and explained her interest in applying for the EAC vacancy.  
Eric Beauregard presented his resume and explained his interest in applying for the EAC vacancy.
- d. Christine Hafer made a comment to partner with the Malvern Business Association to discuss environmentally friendly events. This is to be added to the March 2023 agenda.

#### 5. Events

- a. Parks & Rec event - Cabin Fever collaboration  
Helise Bichefsky-Reilly spoke about the Parks and Recreation's Cabin Fever event on March 11th from 12-3 pm. The EAC would like to have an origami craft with recycled paper.
- b. Invasive removal in Borough parks-  
Helise Bichefsky-Reilly spoke about an initiative to support removing invasive plants in Borough parks. The EAC would like to partner with other Borough commissions to make this a public event. Zoe Warner made a suggestion that the EAC pick a specific species and time of year for this event as well as to reach out to the CRC and STC.

- c. Earth Day Event-Corrine Badman spoke about an event on April 22, 2023, sponsored by Senator Carolyn Comitta. The proposal is for the EAC to have a representative at this event.

6. Public Comment

Mark King made a comment to thank Tiffany Brouillet for writing the article about spring clean-up.

Cecelia Oswald made a comment to thank the Borough for the dog waste containers.

Zach Leahan (on zoom) made a comment about mulching in Malvern and apps that support EAC's interests including Merlin (birds app), and Picture This (identifying plants). He also commented that he has two websites: ChooseNativePlants.com and MalvernRecycling.com that would be of interest to the EAC.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Helise Bichefsky-Reilly seconded by Tiffany Brouillet and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm.

8. EAC vacancy vote-

A motion was made by Helise Bichefsky-Reilly, seconded by Tiffany Brouillet to nominate Cecelia Oswald to the vacant position on the EAC.

A motion was made by Joanne Zhou, seconded by Christine Hafer for the EAC to nominate Eric Beauregard as an alternate member of the EAC.

Minutes submitted by Christine Hafer, Secretary