

EAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zoë Warner, Ph.D., Chair- via Zoom
Christine Hafer, Secretary
Tiffany Brouillet
Joanne Zhou

Helise Bichefsky, D.O., Vice-Chair
Brendan Phillips

CALL TO ORDER

Helise Bichefsky-Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Christine Hafer and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes from December 15, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Borough Broadcaster - Winter

Tiffany Brouillet wrote an article on Spring Cleaning for the Borough Broadcaster. Zoe Warner will work on getting one for the Spring Broadcaster in regards to the Homegrown National Park Initiative.

2. Community Composting Program

Tiffany Brouillet presented and answered all questions from Borough Council. The Composting Pilot program was approved by Council and has been sent out via Constant Contact and our Winter Newsletter. We currently have about 25 residents who have responded the would like to take part in the pilot.

3. Bird Town Application

Zoë Warner will be presenting this to Borough Council on February 21, 2023.

4. Rain Garden – Protection

Assistant Manager Corinne Badman advised the post and rail fence was installed in Quann Park two weeks ago. The fence is taller at the top of the Rain Garden for safety reasons off the sidewalk and lower around the plantings at the bottom. This will hopefully keep bikers from entering the Rain Garden and damaging the plantings.

5. Stormwater Master Plan

Zoe Warner will be presenting this to Borough Council on February 21, 2023.

6. Homegrown National Park Initiative

Christine Hafer presented to the Shade Tree Commission at their last meeting. They wanted more information on the initiative that she could not answer at the time. The STC was not interested in updating the tree list for the ordinance. They get their information from the Horticultural Society and believe some native trees could no longer survive in the current environment.

Zoe Warner spoke to the Malvern Library and they were interested in doing a book club to support the initiative. Library will order book, "Natures Best Hope" and would be happy to put a flyer in the book about the Homegrown Initiative.

The EAC discussed speaking with the Historical Commission regarding labeling trees as historical and have the Shade Tree Commission assist in finding out the age of the tree. We could possibly dedicate the tree with a sign or plaque.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Administrative Business

Brian Walker has resigned from this spot on the EAC. We will do a social media blast for the vacancy and see if we can get applicants.

2. DCNR Educational Event

Nothing to report

3. Budget Requests

No new budget requests.

4. 2023 Executive Board

Helise Bichesky-Reilly and Zoe Warner had spoken previously that Helise would step down as Chair and offered to be Vice Chair of the EAC. Zoe Warner would take become Chair of the Committee if approved by the members of the EAC.

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Christine Hafer, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to appoint Zoe Warner as Chair and Helise Bichesky-Reilly as Vice Chair of the EAC.

Christine Hafer expressed interest in becoming Secretary for the EAC.

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Tiffany Brouillet, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to appoint Christine Hafer as the Secretary for the EAC.

REVIEW OF COMPLETE EVENTS

Nothing to report.

FUTURE EVENTS

Helise Bichefsky-Reilly spoke about Parks and Receptions Cabin Fever event on March 11th. She wanted to know if the EAC would like to have a table there for a craft. It was discussed that maybe an origami craft with recycled paper would be nice. Assistant Manager Corinne Badman said that all extra agendas from the meetings would be saved for this project. The EAC also discussed maybe a Nature Bingo as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Media – Christine Hafer has been posting on social media more frequently on behalf of the EAC. If EAC members find a relevant article or have ideas for a new post, they should send them to Christine or Corinne Badman.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Tomlinson, Brett Tomlinson, and Lynn Hepp of Tidewater commented on using a rain garden to help with the water coming in from the Paoli Memorial Grounds into the Tidewater Community. They are working with Bill Schumaker and Frank Ortner on this matter but would like the help of the EAC as well.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Tiffany Brouillet, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Assistant Manager Corinne Badman