

MALVERN BOROUGH  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Malvern, PA 19355

March 23, 2023  
7:00 pm

EAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zoë Warner, Ph.D. Chair  
Helise Bichefsky-Reilly, DO, Vice-Chair  
Brendan Phillips  
Tiffany Brouillet  
Joanne Zhou  
Cecelia Oswald

Absent:

Christine Hafer, Secretary

1. Call to order

Zoë Warner, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Helise Bichefsky-Reilly, DO, seconded by Joanne Zhou, and carried a vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes from February 23, 2023. Cecelia Oswald abstained due to this being her first official meeting.

3. Old Business

- a. Community Composting Program – The first pick up will be on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This was added to the website to let residents know.
- b. Bird Town Application – Vice Chair Zoe Warner, PhD is working on the application.
- c. Homegrown National Park Initiative - committee collaborations and next steps

Helise Bichefsky-Reilly advised that she started to work with the Shade Tree Commission to identify at least 5 legacy trees to start and maybe look into using acorns from a legacy tree to plant additional trees. The EAC felt Oak Trees would be best for this. Joanne and Christine will be helping with this.

Helise Bichefsky-Reilly will also be working with the library in order to promote native planting, books educating on the Homegrown Initiative, and having a Bird or Bat talk.

Helise Bichefsky-Reilly discussed the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and that she will be working with the Mayor to come up with 3 items to focus on at this time.

- d. Tidewater Rain Garden

Assistant Manager Corinne Badman will send Frank Ortner a grant for non-profits that they could get assistance for the Rain Garden.

#### 4. New Business

- a. MBPA Sustainability Initiative  
Christine Hafer wants to work with businesses to address waste and paper cups at events.
- b. Invasive removal at Borough parks  
Zoe Warner will be looking into this and coming up with a plant list to be used by Public Works. Possibly be for a fall event to educate.
- c. Website Content Updates  
Christine Hafer has been doing a great job of sending the Borough articles and posts for social media. Send updates or articles to Corinne Badman for posting on website and social media.

#### 5. Events

- a. March 11 was Parks and Rec event Cabin Fever. Joanne Zhou did origami with recycled paper as arts and crafts for kids. The event was well attended.
- b. April 22 is Earth Day Festival at the YMCA of the Main Line. No EAC member is available that day.
- c. May 6 is the MBPA Surfin USA event. The EAC will discuss in May.

#### 6. Public Comment

Mr. John Buckley, 165 Church St, commented on having a zoo come to events.

#### 7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Tiffany Brouillet, seconded by Helise Bichefsky-Reilly, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Minutes submitted by Assistant Manager Corinne Badman in Secretary Christine Hafer's absence.