

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT:

Helise Bichefsky, DO
John Butow
Brendan Phillips
Zoe Warner, PhD

ABSENT:

Brian Walker

Staff, Members of Borough Council, & Professionals Present:

Christopher Bashore, Borough Manager

2. MINUTES

A motion was made by Helise Bichefsky, DO, seconded by John Butow, and carried by a vote of 4-0, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, August 27, 2020 as presented.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. *Borough Broadcaster*

The members of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) discussed the upcoming edition of the *Borough Broadcaster*. Mark King, 16 Griffith Avenue, submitted an article on how his family has been able to reduce their trash output to four (4) times per year through various methods. The members of EAC thanked Mr. King for his article. Borough Manager Bashore recommended, with his permission, using Mr. King's article for the upcoming edition of the *Borough Broadcaster*. The members of the EAC agreed and Mr. King was in agreement to allow for the use of this information in the *Borough Broadcaster*.

b. Educational Programs

i. Recycling

The members of the EAC discussed recycling in the Borough as it relates to the upcoming edition of the *Borough Broadcaster*. Zoe Warner, PhD, discussed a recent article relating to recycling, highlighting the messaging and how much is actually being recycled. John Butow noted impacts on the market due to policies initiated in China. Helise Bichefsky, DO, discussed a radio interview and the costs associated with recycling. Borough Manager Bashore outlined the Borough's participation in the Chester County Solid Waste Authority's processing and marketing contract.

Zoe Warner, PhD, asked if there was any information from the Chester County Solid Waste Authority on the materials being processed and if there is a list of products that plastic is then remade into. Borough Manager Bashore stated that he would contact the Chester County Solid Waste Authority to see if information was available. Helise Bichefsky, DO, recommended that this be part of the recycling educational program.

The EAC reviewed the recycling FAQs that were prepared by John Butow. Zoe Warner, PhD, recommended including information about takeout containers. John Butow asked about the ability to recycle pizza boxes. The EAC asked Borough Manager Bashore to speak with the Chester County Solid Waste Authority regarding the ability to recycle pizza boxes. Brendan Phillips stated that this should be considered a living document that should be continually updated as information changes. Helise Bichefsky, DO, recommended having it reviewed by the Chester County Solid Waste Authority prior to posting. John Butow noted that most of the information was gleaned from the Chester County Solid Waste Authority's website.

Borough Manager Bashore stated that he would post this information on the Borough website.

ii. Top 10 List- "10 Days To A More Sustainable Lifestyle"

Borough Manager Bashore stated that he reviewed the information prepared by Zoe Warner, PhD, and noted that this would make a good social media posting. A PDF of the document could be posted on the EAC page of the Borough website. Brendan Phillips asked if this could be used in the *Borough Broadcaster*. Borough Manager Bashore stated that it could be used in the *Borough Broadcaster*, but the word count would need to be reduced. The EAC discussed releasing the list in a series as opposed to all at once. Zoe Warner, PhD, stated that she will try to reorganize some of the information. Helise Bichefsky, DO, stated that she would speak with Brian Walker about posting this information on social media.

iii. Stormwater

The EAC discussed the watershed course through Penn State University. This matter was tabled for a future meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Borough Manager Bashore summarized the update to the Borough's Comprehensive Plan, noting that appointments to the task force may be made by Borough Council at the October 6, 2020 meeting. The Brandywine Conservancy will serve as the Borough's professional consultant. The EAC determined that Zoe Warner, PhD, would be recommended as the EAC's representative on the Comprehensive Plan Task Force and Brian Walker will be recommended as a citizen volunteer.

b. Committee vacancies

The members of the EAC met with Tiffany Brouillet, a resident of Ruthland Avenue, regarding a vacant position on the EAC.

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by John Butow, and carried by a vote of 4-0, to recommend the appointment of Tiffany Brouillet to the EAC.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Helise Bichefsky, DO asked if there were any comments from the public on items not on the agenda for the meeting.

No public comment was noted.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Zoe Warner, PhD, and carried by a vote of 4-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christopher Bashore
Borough Manager