

MALVERN BOROUGH
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
1 East First Avenue
Malvern, PA 19355

October 29, 2020
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT:

Helise Bichefsky, DO
Tiffany Brouillet
John Butow
Brendan Phillips
Brian Walker
Zoe Warner, PhD

ABSENT:

Staff, Members of Borough Council, & Professionals Present:

Christopher Bashore, Borough Manager

2. MINUTES

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Helise Bichefsky, DO, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 as presented.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Educational Programs

i. Recycling

The recycling top 10 list was recently distributed to through the Environmental Advisory Council's (EAC) Facebook page. Brian Walker noted that the response was good, but lite due to the fact that the page was just recently launched.

The members of the EAC discussed growing the Borough's recycling program through Total Recycling. Borough Manager Bashore noted that he could reach out to them regarding additional information that could be provided on the Borough website. Zoe Warner, PhD, noted that the Total Recycling website does not outline supply chain information and obtaining that information could be helpful to understand how/why we recycle.

Brendan Phillips asked about the recycling bins in the Borough's parks and noted that they could be relabeled for paper. Borough Manager Bashore noted that the bins were received through a grant and that he could look into changing the labels in order to denote what items are being accepted.

The EAC discussed partnering with local businesses as a way to promote alternatives to the use of plastic, as well as ways to reduce plastic ware when ordering takeout. Tiffany Brouillet recommended partnering with Kimberthon Whole Foods.

ii. Green Ways to Give

The members of the EAC discussed a social media campaign for the holidays entitled “12 Ideas for a Green Holiday.” These would be green initiatives for the holiday season. Borough Manager Bashore noted that it must be non-denominational. Brian Walker stated that he will share a Google document in order to generate ideas among the EAC members.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Composting

Helise Bichefsky, DO asked about the process for leaf collection in the Borough. Borough Manager Bashore stated that leaves collected through the month of November are composted with the Chester County Solid Waste Authority. Leaves collected outside of November are not composted and end up in the landfill.

Borough Manager Bashore discussed the 2021 budget presentation and noted that there was discussion about the Borough’s trash and recycling collection contract and the possibility of reducing trash collection to once a week. It was noted that the cost savings is estimated at approximately \$17,000. The members of the EAC discussed the potential of establishing a Borough-wide composting program as an alternative. Information on a similar program in Media Borough, Delaware County was shared with the EAC. The possibility of providing composting bags to Borough residents was also discussed.

b. Comprehensive Plan Task Force

The first meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Task Force was held on October 21, 2020. Helise Bichefsky, DO, Brian Walker, and Zoe Warner, PhD are all serving on the Task Force. The members serving on the Task Force noted that the following concepts will be brought forward from the EAC as part of the process:

- Green infrastructure
- Blue infrastructure (e.g., creeks, streams, storm water)
- Energy conservation plan

Information on subsequent meetings will continue to be provided at each EAC meeting during the development of the update to the Borough’s Comprehensive Plan.

c. Upcoming meetings

The members of the EAC determined that the meeting in November would be cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The meeting in December will be advertised for December 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Helise Bichesky, 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 Brian Walker, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christopher Bashore
Borough Manager