

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

December 10, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

John Butow

Staff, Members of Borough Council, & Professionals Present:

Christopher Bashore, Borough Manager  
Alicia Marziani, Administrative Assistant/Parks & Recreation Coordinator

2. MINUTES

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Brian Walker, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, October 29, 2020 as presented.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Educational Programs

i. "Green for the Holidays"

Brian Walker reported that there has been great participation for the program on the Environmental Advisory Council's (EAC) Facebook page. Brian Walker reported that day 8 of 12 has been posted. The members of the EAC commended Brian Walker for his work on this endeavor and Brian Walker thanked the members for their input. Borough Manager Bashore reviewed the activity on the EAC's Facebook page. Alicia Marziani stated that she will review the statistics for the EAC's Facebook and provided an update.

ii. 2021 activities

Borough Manager Bashore recommended that the EAC discuss virtual programs at their January meeting for 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Zoe Warner, PhD, asked about a recent event of the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watershed Association. Alicia Marziani noted that this was a volunteer group. Zoe Warner, PhD, recommended publicizing these activities to make the community aware.

Zoe Warner, PhD, recommended an email blast regarding dog waste and noted that that the issue is increasing.

iii. January 2021 *Borough Broadcaster* article ideas

Borough Manager Bashore stated that articles for the winter *Borough Broadcaster* will be due on January 15, 2021.

Brendan Phillips asked if the Shade Tree Commission will be doing their bare root tree program in 2021. Borough Manager Bashore stated that he believes that they will and an article will be included in the newsletter. Brendan Phillips recommended an article about the environmental benefits of tree planting. Alicia Marziani noted that this has not been done in the past.

Helise Bichefsky, DO, recommended an article about snow removal and the environmental impacts of salting. Alicia Marziani noted that an article regarding de-icing salt and stormwater has historically been included in the winter newsletter.

Borough Manager Bashore stated that he believed that an article regarding the environmental benefits of tree planting was a good idea. The EAC agreed with this as their article for the winter newsletter and discussed partnering with the Shade Tree Commission about doing this as a companion article. Zoe Warner, PhD, recommended including information from the PA Horticultural Society regarding the environmental benefits of planting a tree.

Zoe Warner, PhD, and Tiffany Brouillet volunteered to prepare the newsletter article. Borough Manager Bashore stated that he will start an email with the members of the Shade Tree Commission in order to make them aware.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2021 Budget

Borough Manager Bashore announced that \$3,000 has been allocated in the 2021 budget for the EAC. The EAC did not discuss how to utilize these funds due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

b. Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Borough Manager Bashore stated that the Comprehensive Plan Task Force last met on November 18, 2020 and discussed the demographic trends for the Borough. Goals and objectives from the 2012 Comprehensive Plan were also reviewed. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2020 where the Task Force will discuss the community survey.

c. Master Watershed Program

Zoe Warner, PhD, discussed Penn State's Master Watershed Program and volunteered to participate in the program. Borough Manager Bashore stated that the Borough could pay for this

educational program. The members of the EAC discussed implementing education on watershed issues for the remainder of the members. Information from the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watershed Association, including resources and educational programs was discussed.

d. Resource List

The EAC discussed establishing a list of resources for the Borough website. It was discussed that this should be a running list of materials that may be easily accessed.

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 Helise Bichefsky, DO, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christopher Bashore  
Borough Manager