

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP



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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bridi, Paul DeVincenzo, Jay Megonnell, John Miele, Marcel Smullen

ABSENT: Evelyn Burton, Mike Walsh

FRIENDS OF THE EAC: Patti Estheimer, Kate Dover

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 11th meeting were approved as read.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS: Richard Enck - Concerned about the methods of salt application on township roads and the effects that runoff may have on streams in WHT

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

Hillcrest Business Center: Evelyn attended the pre-app. The business center will include some retail areas. According to Evelyn's report, there are a number of items missing from the plan including E&S, stormwater, etc., which will be needed before going to Planning Commission. The new stormwater basin will handle additional runoff from parking areas and impervious structures. The existing stormwater basin may have to be enlarged to handle more runoff. Evelyn's report also noted that a Dollar Store is proposed, by the developer who owns Hillcrest Business Center, on the east side of Manor Drive. Penn Dot will not require another traffic study. Richard Enck reported that the trees have already been removed from the proposed Dollar Store site.

BUSINESS

- Introduction of new member Michael Walsh will take place at March meeting.
- John is EAC representative for the Zoning Steering Committee and attended the first meeting. John shared a possible rezoning drawing from the consultant. Part of the discussion included the potential rezoning of a small portion of the Conservation District to R1.
- 2022 EAC projects will include the WHT Festival; Park & Rec Movie Night (*The Lorax*); and a work day at the rain garden.
- At the request of Manada Conservancy, John wrote a letter of support from the EAC for a SRBC grant to fund the Champagne Farm project to protect wetlands and a stream corridor. Part of the farm abuts the proposed Prologis warehouse.
- Newsletter deadline is Friday, February 18th. John submitted an article on recycling plastics and a litter article.
- John suggested that perhaps Evelyn would construct a 'Recycling plastics' poster for use at the festival.

COUNCIL COMMENTS and/or OTHER BUSINESS

Marcel reported that his son Jay will be maintaining the Bluebird Trails at Skyline and Lenker parks ~ Jeff and Marcel will be doing stream investigations and reports using FISH protocol ~ Jay received a letter from the Penn State Extension regarding the Watershed Stewardship Program. He is concerned about the watersheds in the township. Jeff reported that his daughter is taking part in the program ~ Jay reported that Triple Crown bought property along Picketown Rd and have timbered off the land, taking out an active bald eagle nest. Jay reported it to the PA Game Commission.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm