

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

IN ATTENDANCE

Evelyn Burton, Paul DeVincenzo, Jay Megonnell, John Miele, Marcel Smullen

ABSENT Robert Nicolodi

Friends of the EAC - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from December 12, 2017 were approved as read.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS none

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

BUSINESS

- Election of Officers - By unanimous vote the officers for 2018 are: Chairman, John Miele; Vice-Chairman, Marcel Smullen; Treasurer, Robert Nicolodi; Secretary, Evelyn Burton
- Pre-App Meeting - Sterling Road, Dec. 21, 2017 - John reported on the meeting and the members of the EAC discussed all the environmental features and how the property will be divided and built upon. There are multiple wetland areas on the property and the members discussed how they would affect building sites.
- Landscape for Life Program - Jan 20th - The room has been changed to Hoffman Hall on the main level of the Community Center. The program will begin at 10:00 and is expected to last 1 - 1/2 hours. Dolores McGee, Master Gardener, will be the presenter. The WH EAC is the host.
- Stormwater Parks - Skyline and Fairville - HRG will send resources material to John for content on the signs. The signs will be aluminum and will be posted in the pavilions at the parks. Their purpose is to inform the public about how the landscape affects stormwater drainage and infiltration. Information on the bluebird trail may also be included. The EAC discussed the current rebound in the bluebird population and how loss of habitat contributed to their decline in the 1960s.
- Spring Newsletter Articles - Deadline Jan. 19th - One article will announce the spring workshop on controlling invasive plants and another will describe the importance of plants that attract pollinators. The EAC discussed bee and pollinator populations in the area.
- 2018 Projects - Invasive Plants Workshop: March 24 - The room at the Community Center has been reserved and a speaker has been requested from Manada Conservancy.
Jay announced that WH will participate in the National Night Out on August 7 and asked that the EAC participate.
Marcel reported on the bluebird trail in winter.
Nick Smullen's Eagle Scout project of a riparian buffer at Lenker Park has been approved by his troop #27 committee, the troop leader, and Don Holmes. After he gets District approval, he will finalize the plan for obtaining a tree selection similar to that at the Community Center, with the trees being provided by DCCD. Bluebird boxes will be added to a known population of bluebirds.
FISH protocols will continue in the spring.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ad/or OTHER BUSINESS

none

MEETING ADJOURNED

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:30 pm