

# WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

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## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2017

### CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL** Evelyn Burton, Jay Megonnell, John Miele, Robert Nicolodi, Marcel Smullen

**Friends of the EAC** - Patti Estheimer, Carol Buskirk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The minutes of the January 10, 2017 minutes were approved as read.

### PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

None

### SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Update on Parkview @ Birch Run (Fowler property on Rte. 39) - Evelyn gave a report on the Planning Commission meeting and the BoS meeting at which the plan was approved for continuation. Members of the EAC discussed aspects of the sketch plan.

### BUSINESS

- Landscape for Life Intro by Dolores McGee, Master Gardener - Using a Power Point presentation, Dolores described the origins and objectives of the program and how it fits into the community. It is a nationwide program that was developed with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and includes online resources and educational programs. The EAC intends to host the initial 1 1/2 hour free program in the late fall or winter, which will give participants the option of continuing the program on-line. The date has not been determined yet.
- Introduction of Prospective EAC Member - Paul DeVincenzo. After a review of Paul's resume and a conversation with him, the EAC will recommend to the BoS that he be appointed to fill a 2-year term on the Council.
- Update on Rec Center Riparian Buffer - Joe Smullen, an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 27 has met with Dan to finalize the project, and the plan has been approved by the DCCD. The cost of the trees is paid by Sheetz, and the planting of 174 native-species trees and 65 shrubs will be April 25, 26, 27. Joe has organized the volunteers. The area has been prepared by scout volunteers who cleared brush and picked up trash. Tree shelters are included in the cost.
- Newsletter Articles Deadline - April 21st. The EAC will contribute an article on the E-Cycling Center and riparian buffers.
- MS4 Poster Distribution & Annual Report - Council members took copies of the poster for distribution in the community, and John will email copies of the Annual Report, written by Patti.
- Big Tree Update - Norway spruce and White oak added to PA Big Tree database - Two more WH trees on the Feathers and Gordon properties have been added to the state's records.
- EAC Discussion - 2017 Projects / Programs - Marcel will continue to monitor the Roland Bergner Bluebird Trail at Skyline Park, as well as doing the FISH protocols at 4 township streams. The riparian buffer project at the Rec Center will be organized by Joe Smullen, the Landscape for Life program will be hosted by WHT, the EAC will participate in the Community Festival and tire recycling will be scheduled for Sept. or Oct. Other workshops will be discussed at future meetings.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS and/or OTHER BUSINESS

### MEETING ADJOURNED

Next meeting - Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM