

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

IN ATTENDANCE

Evelyn Burton, Paul DeVincenzo, John Miele, Marcel Smullen

ABSENT Robert Nicolodi, Jay Megonnell

FRIENDS OF THE EAC - Patti Estheimer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 11, 2017 were approved as read.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

none

BUSINESS

- Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plan (CBPRP) - EAC members had received a copy of the proposed plan for review; John summarized the 3 sites that were recommended for riparian buffer projects. Members discussed many aspects of each proposed project, and John submitted EAC comments to Dan. Members concluded that education will be a key component for a successful outcome.
- Budget Request - the EAC decided to request the same amount as 2017 in the Township budget, \$2000.
- Parks and Rec Comp Plan Survey - The next steering committee meeting is August 16, and the survey to residents has been distributed.
- Bluebird Trail Update - Box #10 has had more fledges, as it is in an ideal location for bluebird nesting. Marcel reported that the 2016 report is on the Bluebird Society's web page, and this year's report will be submitted. He also reported some woodpecker damage on the trail marker post.
- Tire Recycling - Two highway signs are ready and Evelyn will make handouts for distribution at the festival and in the community. Members discussed procedures, equipment needs, and traffic flow for the recycling. Boy scouts from Troop 27 will provide assistance in handling the tires. A tally sheet, cash box, and refreshments will be secured.
- WHT Community Festival, Aug. 19 - John and Evelyn will be there for the duration and Paul will help set up at 10:00. Free books on PA trees, wildlife, and fishing will be distributed, as well as the updated recycling brochure. Other displays will provide education on environmental issues.
- Rec Center Riparian Buffer Update - Marcel will inventory failing trees that will be replaced next year, although he reports good growth on the pine, red maple, and oaks, as well as most of the shrubs. The Japanese knotweed needs repeated cutting for control. Other methods of control were discussed.
- FISH Protocols - Marcel reported on 2 stream studies he did and described high water volume, but a low number of fish and wildlife. The water is flowing fast and clear.

PUBLIC COMMENT and/or OTHER BUSINESS - None

MEETING ADJOURNED

Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 12, 6:30PM.