

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 10, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

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

Friends of the EAC: Patti Estheimer

Officers for 2017 were elected:

Chairman: John Miele

Vice-Chairman: Marcel Smullen

Treasurer: Robert Nicolodi

Secretary: Evelyn Burton

PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

Patti reminded the EAC that the contract with Waste Management expires in 2018 and that Dan will ask for EAC input regarding the new one. She also noted that The Recycle America revenue sharing stopped in July 2015 and wanted to know if that is part of the current contract with WM. Patti is working on the 2016 annual report that will be presented to the BoS. She also noted that EAC minutes have not appeared on the Township's web page after 2013.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for December 10, 2016 were approved as written.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

Update on Parkview@ Birch Run (Fowler property on route 39) - Evelyn and Carol attended the Planning Commission meeting on December 15, 2016 at which representatives of the Fowler property presented a concept for development. The EAC discussed the concept and how it relates to environmental ordinances.

BUSINESS

- The EAC welcomed two new members: Jay Megonnell and Marcel Smullen. Members reviewed the additional membership application.
- Copies of new ordinances were distributed to members.
- Township Updates - The riparian repair project at The Rec Center is scheduled for 2017 and will follow the previously-approved timeline and planting plan. Kristen Kyler of Greening the Lower Susquehanna will provide trees, as previously planned, and Marcel's son will use this as his Eagle Scout project for Troop 27. Dan is also interested in EAC input regarding 4 other riparian repair sites in the Township. The EAC discussed the scope of the projects, timelines, and source for materials.
- Big Tree Article - Township newsletter deadline: 1/20/17 - Carol Buskirk wrote an article on the Big Tree project and Evelyn will write one about e-cycling and oil / antifreeze recycling.
- DCCD Request - Landscape for Life Course Update- The Master Gardeners are creating a series of 5 classes with topics

that include using native plants in the landscape, incorporating stormwater into the landscape, and reducing the use of pesticides. Each topic will be a stand-alone section and John suggested that the EAC host one of them. There is no timeline yet, as the course is still being planned.

- EAC Discussion - 2017 Projects / Programs - Marcel will continue to monitor the Roland Bergner Bluebird Trail at Skyline Park. He will repair woodpecker damage to several boxes. The Council will continue FISH projects (First Investigation of Stream Health) and may have Boy Scout involvement. Marcel studied 4 stream locations last year. Tire recycling will be planned for 2017 or 2018. MS 4 posters will be distributed. WHT may have a Council member attend the EAC Network Conference in Lancaster on May 6th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS and/or OTHER BUSINESS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting scheduled for Tuesday February 14, 2017 has been cancelled.

The next meeting will be on March 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM.