

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP



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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR MAY 9, 2017

ROLL CALL

Evelyn Burton, John Miele, Robert Nicolodi, Marcel Smullen, Paul DeVincenzo

ABSENT – Jay Megonnell

Friends of the EAC - Patti Estheimer, Carol Buskirk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting were approved as read.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

Throughout the meeting members of the EAC and Friends discussed MS4 plans in neighboring townships, oil recycling, e-cycling, soil types and their effects on detention ponds, FISH Protocols, and blue bird nesting.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

None

BUSINESS

- Welcome to new EAC member - Paul DeVincenzo has been appointed to the EAC.
- Landscape for Life Intro - 2018 Date to Host Program by Master Gardeners - The tentative dates of Jan 20, 27 and Feb. 3 and 10 were chosen and John will check with the Rec Center for availability of the Blue Room. There will be no fee; but participants will be asked to register by phone. This is the intro program, and the remaining topics may be available for self-study online.
- Update on Rec Center Riparian Buffer Planting - Joe Smullen and his volunteers planted 165 trees and shrubs in 2 days, with a third day reserved for cleanup. The ground was very saturated; but the plantings are doing well, with buds and leaves showing and the pines with new growth. Smaller trees were planted near the road for good sight lines and all were marked with yellow tags for visibility when mowing. Tree shelters were used for protection. Monitoring and brush clearing will continue until the buffer is well-established.
- Return on Environment Report - Dauphin County - John attended the conference at the Ned Smith Center that featured the county-wide study sponsored by DCNR, Trout Unlimited, Manada Conservancy, PA Fish & Boat Commission and the PA Game Commission that attempted to put a dollar value on the tangible value of environmental resources. The total amount is 1 billion dollars annually, a figure that includes the value of outdoor recreation, population health, cost savings and property values in Dauphin County.
- Tire Recycling - Possible dates in Fall of 2017 - A recycler who will accept large quantities of tires has not been found yet. Bob will contact some additional sources and get info. Possible dates are: Sept. 15-16 or 29-30.
- EAC Discussion - Additional Projects / Programs for 2017 - The Rain Garden at Fairville Park needs some additional maintenance, and there was a discussion of the possibility a change in the size of the parking lot and how that will affect the garden. Some shade-loving plants may have to be added.
The HOA at Avondale Estates has made a request for a big tree assessment. Carol will set up dates and will contact EAC members for assistance.
FISH protocols will continue on 4 tributaries of Beaver Creek.
- Waste Management Monthly Report was reviewed. Recyclables totaled 74.37 tons and refuse totaled 230.18 tons.

PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or OTHER BUSINESS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM