

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR MAY 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT Jay Megonnell

FRIENDS OF THE EAC - Patti Estheimer, Carol Buskirk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 10, 2018 were approved as read.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Brookview Phase V
Avid Hotel

BUSINESS

- Township Garden Plans -The plan to eliminate the planting beds at the Township Building has been postponed until fall. John and Patti have been removing plants to the butterfly garden and the rain garden at Fairville Park. More plants can be moved to create edging around the bed at the flagpole at the Township Building. The EAC will set a work day. In the fall, the road crew will remove any remaining plants and shrubs and plant grass.
- Curbside Recycling Changes - July 1 - The new 5-year contract with WM begins July 1 and all homeowners will get large bins for trash and recycling. John talked to Tom Stang of WM about any changes in recyclables that would affect the EAC brochure. The pay-per-bag charge will rise to \$6 and homeowners must purchase 26 bags at the outlet. They will still get recycling services but no bulk pick-up. The monthly fee for other customers has not been announced yet. WM will send a letter to customers with information about the changes. WM reports that when large bins are used for recycling, the tonnage increases, and the Township receives monthly payments from WM and an annual DEP performance grant. The EAC discussed having a public meeting to inform the public about the recycling regulations, and will have a table at the Township Festival with a demonstration of recycling practices. The EAC also discussed contaminants and other issues related to recycling.
- Stormwater Park Signs - Evelyn took test photos at Fairville and Skyline Parks, which were reviewed by Patti and John, and will make the final shots when weather permits.
- National Night Out - Update - There will be many activities for children and the EAC will use the plan that was proposed at last month's meeting. The children will plant coneflower seeds and learn about the importance of native plants in the landscape. Mature coneflowers will be used as raffle prizes.
- The riparian buffer and bluebird trail at Lenker Park are finished and Scout Nickolas Smullen has had his Eagle rank project verified by the Township. Marcel reported that there are 2 boxes with bluebirds and one with Carolina wrens. On the Roland Bergner trail at Skyline Park, Marcel reported that box #10 has chickadee eggs, box #9 has 2 bluebird babies, and

box#3 has 4 bluebird eggs.

A Troop 27 scout is doing FISH protocols at 8 stream locations, and reported finding a wood turtle in Fairville Park and a salamander in Manada Creek.

PUBLIC COMMENT and/or OTHER BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED Next meeting is June 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM.