

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP



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Environmental Advisory Council

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES For Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bridi, Paul DeVincenzo, Jay Megonnell, John Miele, Robert Nicolodi, Marcel Smullen

ABSENT

Evelyn Burton

Friends of the EAC

Patti Estheimer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting were approved as read.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

None

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

- Sterling Road Final Subdivision Plan was discussed. John Miele met with Tim Mellott, engineer for the proposed project, noting that a depiction of the EPODs be included in the deed for each property. A FILO (fee in lieu of for recreation) will be paid by the developer.

BUSINESS

- Introduction of New EAC Member Jeff Bridi—he is a new resident to the township; recently retired from the PA Fish and Boat Commission and has earned degrees in biology and ecology.
- An EAC/BOS Workshop meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 20th at 6 p.m. at the township building. John encouraged all EAC members to attend.
- There will be a pre-app meeting on Thursday, February 22nd at 10 a.m. at the township building with Central Dauphin reps to discuss the proposed WHT Elementary School plan.

- Parks & Recreation Comp Plan Update - Marcel and John attended the Park & Rec Comp Plan meeting. Items discussed were township park land acreage deficit according to the National Park & Recreation Association; constructing ped paths in phases and encouraging developers to incorporate ped paths in their plans; park facilities in need of repairs. Next Park & Recreation Comp Plan meeting will be Wednesday, February 21th. Marcel and John will keep EAC updated on the plan.
- Stormwater Parks - Skyline Commons and Fairville Parks - The EAC will create signs describing how the landscape affects stormwater drainage and infiltration. The signs (of durable aluminum with vinyl) will be posted at the pavilions. John is waiting for HRG (township engineers) to send resource info for the signs.
- Invasive Plant Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 24th at 10 a.m. in the Blue Room at the Community Center. John spoke with Penn State Master Gardener Ann Hawk who will facilitate the program or provide another Master Gardener to present the program.
- South Fork of Sandy Hollow Creek Riparian Buffer Restoration - Marcel informed the EAC that the township has sent funds to DCCD for purchase of the trees, shrubs and tree shelters. Eight bluebird boxes are also being constructed and will be placed along the buffer. The plantings will consist of Norway spruce, Red oak, Redbud, Choke cherry and paw-paws. Cleanup date is March 21st, with tree planting soon after. This project is being done undertaken by Nicholas Smullen as an Eagle Scout project in coordination with the township.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS and/or OTHER BUSINESS

- EAC was invited by the WHT Public Safety Advisory Board to participate in the National Night Out on August 7th at the Community Center to honor first responders. More information will be forthcoming.
- During 2017, WHT residents recycled 840T and township businesses recycled 340T.
- There was a discussion of the types of salts used on roadways and their effects on streams.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.