

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP



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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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MINUTES FOR JUNE 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Jeff Bridi, Evelyn Burton, Paul DeVincenzo, Jay Megonnell, John Miele, Robert Nicolodi, Marcel Smullen

Friends of the EAC Patti Estheimer, Carol Buskirk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the May 8, 2018 meeting were approved as read.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

none

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

none

BUSINESS

- Township Gardens - The Rain Garden at Fairville Park and the butterfly garden at the Township Building are now under the supervision of the Parks and Rec Department. John and Patti have been moving plants from the large bed to the butterfly garden and around the flagpole. A new volunteer is caring for the butterfly garden. Remaining plants will be removed in the fall and replaced with grass. Patti and John discussed the removal and replanting of some of the large shrubs.
- Curbside Recycling changes - July 1st - There are more changes in the new contract than anticipated by the EAC. Only plastics numbered 1 and 2 will be accepted, and no more aluminum foil or disposable pie and baking pans will be allowed. How will WM notify customers of the new pick-up dates and services for handicapped and elderly customers? The EAC discussed the changes in the new contract and modifications to the brochure. Operating hours of the compost and E-Cycling center were also discussed.
- Stormwater Park Signs - Skyline and Fairville - The photos and text are ready and will be sent to the Parks and Rec. Department for review.
- National Night Out - Aug. 7 - John will have more info after the next meeting. The EAC has purchased materials for its table.
- WHT Festival - Aug 18, 4:00 - 8:00 pm - The EAC will have an interactive display :”Test Your Recycling IQ” and participants will win pencils made from recycled newspaper. Since the festival will be during the evening, no canopy will be needed.
- Bluebird Trails - Updates - The Lenker Park trail has had Carolina wrens fledglings, a nest with house wrens, one bluebird with 4 eggs, tree swallow babies, and another nest with bluebird fledges. At Skyline the chickadees have fledged, as have 4 bluebirds. Two other boxes have bluebird eggs. All boxes are in good repair, but may need woodpecker guards. Marcel reported on the successful growth of the new trees in the riparian buffer at Lenker Park and also at the Rec Center.
- Invasive Species - The EAC discussed various invasive plants in the township and their control. The EAC will request that the Township investigate hiring a licensed landscaper to start the control process, especially of Japanese knotweed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS and/or OTHER BUSINESS

none

MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM