

**APPROVED
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 6, 2023
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting commenced at 7:35 PM.

Attendance

Present: Letty Savage, Denise Rose, Jim Porcelli, Paul Minor, Stephanie Gundling, & Chris Hartigan

Absent: Rege Ebner

Guests: Elisabeth Vasko (to be appointed to EAC on February 15, 2023).

Prior Meeting Minutes

The January 9, 2023 meeting minutes were previously approved.

Introductions:

Welcome Elisabeth Vasko who will be appointed to the EAC on February 15th, 2023.

Old Business

- Tree Pittsburgh Meeting

Mary Ellen Ramage to explore ordinance clinic with North Hills COG; no details received yet.

Add City of Pittsburgh Approved Species list to EAC section of website.

MayMart in Sewickley May 13th, Tree Pittsburgh Pick Up Location – Email Blast? Flyers?

- Spring Roadside Cleanup

Scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023 between 10am and 12pm along McAleer Road.

How far can we cleanup without trespassing? Ask Pickup PA for formal recommendation?

Sign Recommendations: Double Sided, Take out “Borough”, “Sponsored By”, make Roadside Litter Cleanup Larger, Change Committee to Council, Dark Green vs. Black

- Stream Cleanup

Jim did site reconnaissance on select parts of Big Sewickley Creek, Little Sewickley Creek, & Bear Run. His observations led him to conclude that Bear Run could benefit from a cleanup, Sewickley Creeks looked good. Would need to ask property owners for permission. Will blend this with Spring Roadside Cleanup. Can call PAFBC for advice if needed.

- Acorn Park

Once the Borough schedule is determined, we can determine a date for a volunteer day. Schedule won't be known until February.

- Joint Comprehensive Plan

Paul, Letty, & Steph attended January 25, 2023 meeting. Updated EAC on different themes and topics discussed at the meeting.

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- Environmental Education Programs

Katie Stanley from Allegheny Dept of Parks will be at April Meeting. Letty to coordinate Education opportunities with her.

- Community Garden

Recommendations from 2022 accepted and will be implemented. Improvements include raised beds, continue to get water, get topsoil and manure. 10 plots to be filled, open to last years gardeners first.

- EAC Page on Website

Request the website be modified to include a dedicated tab for EAC Events and Education/Links. Rege & Donna to setup. Denise to help coordinate.

New Business

- WeConservePA EAC Network – EAC unanimously agreed not to become a member.

- Growing Greener Awards Published:

Franklin Park received \$390,900 for the below Growing Greener projects:

Unnamed Tributary to Fish Run Stream Restoration Project - \$200,900

Ramblewood Pond Retrofit Project - \$190,000

Total cost for MS4 work to be around \$2,000,000, to be incurred over the next 2 years

- Lens on Litter Photo Contest

Take Photos at Roadside Cleanup

Elisabeth will distribute to Ingomar Middle School Teacher and Girl Scout Troop

- Ordinance Review

For next meeting, add to agenda a discussion on Ordinance Review as related to various topics of interest like trees, solar, electric vehicle, etc.

- 2023 Meeting Dates

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July 3 – change to July 10

August 7

September 4 – change to September 11

October 2

November 6

December 4

Landscape Plans

There were no landscape plans to review.

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Action Items

Rege – Add Section to EAC webpage for Events and Education/Links, Add Bat & Spotted Lanternfly Publications to EAC webpage, Add City Approved Tree link to EAC webpage, Advertise Spring Roadside Cleanup in Spring Newsletter

Steph – Submit for supplies; Pickup tree tubes, Ask PickUp PA for right of way limits.

Letty – Get info for MayMart Tree Pickup

Denise – Help with EAC website

Jim –

Paul –

Chris – Revise proof for 2 signs for roadside cleanup.

Elisabeth – Drop off Lens on Litter Brochures to IMS and Girl Scout Troop

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Stephanie Gundling
EAC Chairperson