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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
APRIL 3, 2023 at 7:30PM
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7:30 PM.

Attendance:

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

Guest: Katie Stanley

Absent: None

Prior Meeting Minutes:

The March 6, 2023 meeting minutes were previously approved.

Guest:

Katrina Stanley

President of Big Sewickley Creek Watershed

Interpretive Naturalist at Allegheny County Parks Dept. (Latodami Nature Center in North Park)

April 22, 2023 Earth Day Event

Linbrook Park – Riparian Tree Planting Effort with Penn State Extension

Update on oil/gas water withdrawal permit in Economy.

Travelling Education Events – Letty to call Nature Center at 724-935-2170 to schedule one in FP

Possible Guest at EAC Table at Festival in the Park – June 24th

Old Business:

Spring Roadside Cleanup - Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 10am McAleer Road

Signs/Supplies Inventory:

First Aid Kit/Cone Signs – Chris

Waivers – Jim

Gloves/Vests/Garbage Bags/Cooler/Waters – Steph

Buckets/Donuts – Paul

Grabbers/Bin at Borough Building – Cindy to gather and Steph will pickup

Logistics:

Group 1 – Park Under Bridge

Group 2 – Park @ Montgomery Road

Group 3 Park @ Anderson Road

Start Streamside, switch at ~11:15pm

Police Coordination - Cindy

Participant List:

Paul – 4

Letty – 1

Jim – 1

Elisabeth – 3

Chris – 1

Steph – 1 or 2

7 Resident RSVPs

“Green-Up” Day at Acorn Park – June 10th, 2023 at 10am (Rain date June 11th)

Review Scope of Work next meeting (focus on invasives, plant buckeyes/trees)

EAC Page on Borough Website Updated:

<https://www.franklinparkborough.us/208/Environmental-Advisory-Council>

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting – No update since last meeting. Next meeting date not yet announced.

Borough Building Pin Oak Tree Replacement

Reviewed property/tree diagram and finalized recommendations. Spruce, red maple, silver maple, pin oak, and red/scarlet oak currently present. At least 6 trees removed in last decade.

EAC recommends river birch and serviceberry along West Ingomar Road. Both are native species, <30' height, and have high environmental value.

Ordinance Review – Trees

Sewickley Borough – Denise

Dublin, Ohio – Paul

PSAB - Cindy

Babst Calland – Cindy

Discussed differences between Tree Preservation Ordinance vs. Landscape Ordinance vs. Shade Tree

Commission

Denise to start document collecting/summarizing tree ordinances.

Goal: EAC to eventually present a draft to Council and solicitor to draft formally.

New Business:

Allegheny County Bicentennial Trees – 15 trees in FP

Cindy/Zach checked old files/server but nothing found

Verify 15 trees still exist – Denise to create spreadsheet, Elisabeth verification

Jim Wattenpool – Denise to reach out

News outlets interest?

Goal: Draft newsletter article asking for nominations of new trees >200 years old

Discussed various methods of estimating age of trees

Festival in the Park – June 24, 2023

Table & Volunteers – Chris & Paul can help – Steph asking Katie Stanley to be guest at table.

Community Garden – Denise/Letty to write something for News section of Webpage.

Action Items

Steph – Send info to Roadside Cleanup Crew

Letty – Schedule education event in FP with Katie Stanley/Latodami Nature Center

Denise – Start document collecting/summarizing tree ordinances, create spreadsheet of bicentennial trees & reach out to Jim Wattenpool

Jim – Send waiver for litter cleanup

Paul – Research cultivars of river birch and service berry for borough building

Chris –

Elisabeth – Verify presence of bicentennial trees

Cindy – Send Litter Cleanup RSVPs to Steph, send Outlook invite for EAC Meetings with link, coordinate Litter Cleanup with Police

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Stephanie Gundling
EAC Chair