

**APPROVED
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
May 4, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Virtual Meeting began at 7:30PM.

Present: Paul Minor, Letty Savage, Jim Porcelli, Stephanie Gundling, Cassandra Miller-Butterworth, Denise Rose, and Rege Ebner

Absent: Chris Hartigan

Guest: Mandy Steele, Fox Chapel Borough Council Member

The April 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes were previously approved.

Old business

- Update on recycling

Steph and Donna Platt are exploring printing and distribution options for the recycling placard. Stuffing the Borough newsletter with this placard is also expensive. We are exploring different options to keep printing and distribution expenses at a reasonable level. We are considering printing on paper a number of placards to be distributed at the upcoming Festival in the Park.

- Update on deer management options

We are delaying this discussion until our next meeting.

- Festival in the Park (June 26, 2021)

We received confirmation that the Festival will occur on June 26, 2021. We are hoping to have two tables at a location that has foot traffic. One table would be dedicated to recycling while the other table would be include space for the tick expert we have invited and for the typical other topics.

- Butterfly Pledge

We will further review the proposed butterfly pledge and discuss it next month

New Business:

- Use of coal tar sealant in the Borough

Mandy Steele gave a presentation about the use of coal tar-based sealant for surfaces such as driveways and other low traffic surfaces along with the risks of using such a sealant. Subsequent to the information provide by Ms. Steele, the EAC reviewed a proposed draft Franklin Park Borough Resolution discouraging the use or application of PAHs, such as coal tar-based sealants, for paving and other surfaces in Franklin Park. While the EAC endorses the concept of banning coal tar-based sealants and limiting PAHs, our primary concern at this time is the inclusion of PAHs in the document and the complexities related to regulating use/enforcement of PAHs, which are not just associated with coal tar-based sealants, but many other commonly used products/materials. Therefore, the EAC recommends that the focus of the Resolution should be on coal tar-based sealants only, and not PAHs. Furthermore, at this time the EAC encouraged publicity to inform residents of the risks of using coal tar-based sealants.

No landscape plans were received and therefore none were reviewed. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:45PM.

Jim Porcelli
EAC Chair