

**APPROVED  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
July 11, 2022  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Virtual Meeting began at 7:35PM

Present: Paul Minor, Denise Rose, Jim Porcelli, Stephanie Gundling, Rege Ebner

Absent: Cassandra Miller-Butterworth, Chris Hartigan, Letty Savage

There was no June meeting.

May Meeting Minutes were previously approved.

**Old business**

- Festival in the Park (Saturday June 25)

Summary and suggestions for next year - The EAC booth at the Festival was very well attended and the topic of greatest interest was recycling. Thanks to Paul for setting up a very comprehensive recycling display and to Denise for securing supplies. To attract visitors, we had a spinning wheel with prizes. All of the seed packages (65+), animal crackers (96), tick twisters (50+), plants (24), and many pens (50+) were distributed to booth visitors. Bill Moore, a tick expert from PA Lyme Resource Network, was available for any visitors with questions about ticks. For those individuals able to speak with Bill, he provided in-depth knowledge and very valuable information.

Families entering the Park were likely to visit the EAC Booth. However, once families were settled in, we had significantly less activity from adults. Therefore at the next festival we may consider truncating the hours to better use our resources.

- PA Lyme Resource Network – Request for golf sponsorship

In the past the EAC offered to make a donation to the PA Lyme Resource Network as a stipend for the services provided at the Festival in the Park by Bill Moore, a tick expert from PA Lyme Resource Network. This year the Network is requesting a golf sponsorship at Fun Fore All Golf in Cranberry on October 1, 2022. The minimum amount for a sponsorship is \$250 to sponsor a hole. The Borough will provide \$250 as a stipend for the services of the Network so that the EAC and the Borough will be able to sponsor a hole and support the Network.

- Comprehensive Plan

Steph provided an update on the comprehensive plan and indicated that there is an upcoming planning meeting July 21 open to the public at the Ohio Township Nature Center. This event will be posted on the Franklin Park website.

Penn Energy Water withdrawal status

Denise indicated that Penn Energy has requested a deferral on the due date until July 16, 2022 to respond to an outstanding Notice of Deficiencies. Because the decision on whether or not to grant to Penn Energy the rights for water withdrawal lies entirely with the state and since the Borough already sent a letter to the state expressing the Boroughs position, we will do nothing further at this time.

- Tree Pittsburgh activity

Jim and Paul will look into this matter further. In particular Jim will seek the permission of John Parks to communicate directly with the Executive Director of Tree Pittsburgh for suggestions on how she believes Franklin Park may participate in such a program.

**New Business:**

- North Hills Art Center gallery show “All Bottled Up” and cross pollination of information/activities

Kim Freithaler requested the assistance of the Franklin Park EAC to disseminate information about an upcoming gallery show directed to recycling and environmental matters. Because this is not a Franklin Park activity, the EAC does not believe it is appropriate to become involved.

- Possibility of Franklin Park Conservancy

At this time the Borough actively pursues the acquisition of land to provide recreational opportunities and add green space to the Borough. Additionally, the Allegheny Land Trust actively seeks opportunities to purchase and protect green space. Furthermore, the EAC has discussed sponsoring nature seminars within the Borough on Borough property and/or with the ALT. Therefore at this time the EAC will not further explore the possibility of a conservancy because it appears many of the tasks of such an organization are already being addressed.

As of Friday July 8 there were no landscape drawing to review.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

Jim Porcelli  
EAC Chair