

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 7, 2023 at 7:30PM

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7:35 PM.

Attendance:

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

Guest: None

Absent: Paul Minor & Cindy Crain

Prior Meeting Minutes:

The July 10, 2023 meeting minutes were previously approved.

EAC Page on Website Updates

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

Air Quality - <https://fire.airnow.gov/?lat=40.62334&lng=-80.0538&zoom=8>

Inform residents that sensor exists within Borough and our air is used for overall data collection.

Comprehensive Plan – Out For Public Comment

<https://www.franklinparkborough.us/243/Comprehensive-Plan>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SNQ5TH9>

Consultant was to present at the July 18th Planning Commission meeting and public hearing by Council is planned for the August 16th meeting. A few EAC members plan to attend.

Remarkable Trees

Newsletter article submitted

Will be published on the EAC page also

Borough Newsletter – News from the EAC

Leave the Leaves

Remarkable Trees

Spring Ideas – Getting a Jump on Invasives and/or Remarkable Trees Summary

Ordinance Review – Trees

Steph presented slide show on basic info related to Tree Ordinances in PA and Franklin Park Borough Ordinances which may be related to trees

New Business:

Spotted Lanternfly

Webinar – Phipps Conservatory

Update Fact Sheet and Link on Webpage

University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health - Findings of Unconventional Natural Gas Development Studies in SW PA

August 15th @ 6pm

Can view livestream at paenv.pitt.edu

Discussed “Bustling in Butler” article in Pittsburgh Post Gazette

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2023/08/06/butler-county-pennsylvania-population/stories/202308060079>

Inquiry about Trees Removed at Old Orchard Park, Steph to ask Cindy.

Action Items:

Steph – Reach out to Natural Lands about Conservation by Design Program, Add AirNow link to web page, add Remarkable Trees to webpage, ask Cindy about Old Orchard Park

Letty –

Denise –

Jim – Spotted Lanterfly Webinar/Update Flyer for Webpage

Paul –

Chris –

Elisabeth –

Cindy –

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Stephanie Gundling
EAC Chair