

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 11, 2023 at 7:30PM
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7:35 PM.

Attendance:

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

Guest: None

Absent: Cindy Crain, Letty Savage, Elisabeth Vasko

Prior Meeting Minutes:

The August 7, 2023 meeting minutes were previously approved.

Old Business:

EAC Page on Website Updates

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

Air Quality Resource Added

Add a Photo of Community Garden

Comprehensive Plan

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

Public hearing by Council was at August 16th meeting. Council will vote on the plan on September 20th.

Remarkable Trees

Newsletter article and online form are live. Spread the word.

Borough Newsletter – News from the EAC

Fall 2023 - Leave the Leaves & Remarkable Trees

Spring 2024 – Will need to start thinking of ideas

Ordinance Review – Trees

Steph previously spoke with Anne Hutchinson at Natural Lands about the Growing Greener: Conservation By Design Program found on WeConservePA. She was very helpful and indicated that it is better for communities that are in the beginning stages of development, which would not be Franklin Park. She recommended connecting with local planners like Jim Pashek and groups like ALT, as she was out on the Eastern side of PA.

EAC discussed the idea that once the Comprehensive Plan is complete, it may make sense to springboard off some of the goals/objectives in the Plan.

EAC discussed the potential of coming up with long term goals which could include maintaining a percentage of the tree canopy, wildlife corridor over the interstate, etc.

Spotted Lanternfly

Jim watched a webinar and provided an update to post on the website.

Old Orchard Park – Tree Removal

The trees that were taken down were dead and dying cherry trees to prep the area for a pollinator garden. The girl scouts are working on two projects with Rege/Jim. More details can be found here [August 2023 Digital Newsletter](#).

New Business:

Discussed mention of Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update in Newsletter.

Action Items:

Steph – Get photo of Community Garden to Donna, Get list of HOA Contacts

Letty –

Denise –

Jim – Provide Final Draft of Update for Webpage

Paul –

Chris –

Elisabeth –

Cindy –

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Stephanie Gundling
EAC Chair