

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
October 2, 2023 at 7:30PM
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7:35 PM.

Attendance:

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

Guest: None

Absent: None

Prior Meeting Minutes:

The August 7, 2023 meeting minutes were previously approved.

Old Business:

EAC Page on Website

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

Steph took photos of Community Garden and will submit for web page

Comprehensive Plan – Approved 9/20/23

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

Remarkable Trees

No nominations yet

Continue to promote the Program and Nominations

Ordinance Review – Trees

Reviewed FP SALDO and could not find any code on removal of trees.

184-904 Dedication of open space; fees in lieu thereof

212-2011 Landscaping requirements for permanently protected open green spaces

184-910B Steep slopes – classification and disturbance standards

Hydric soils

A local Pittsburgh tree ordinance requires retention of 15-20% tree cover

Tree Protection Ordinance and Landscape Ordinance – Dublin, Ohio

Start draft of a letter to Council discussing research and findings of areas for improvement in ordinances, relationship to goals of new comprehensive plan, and suggested next steps to address.

New Business:

Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan – FP to update the 2015 Version

100 Buttonbush Seedlings to be delivered to Martin Karl, resident

EAC exploring ways to use seedlings, which are a riparian/wetland shrub

Denise to reach out to girl scouts

Steph reached out to Katie Stanley at Allegheny County Parks

Alternative option is to put them in a location over winter and cover with straw to do an organized planting in the spring

Identified a few good locations within the Borough to plant including along McAleer, Linbrook Park/ALT Linbrook Woodlands, Acorn Park, Old Orchard Park, etc.

Action Items:

Steph – Get photo of Community Garden to Donna, draft ordinance review letter for internal review

Letty –

Denise – Reach out to girl scouts about buttonbush seedlings

Jim –

Paul –

Chris –

Elisabeth –

Cindy – Get hard copies of Comp Plan to EAC members

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Stephanie Gundling

EAC Chair