

Meeting minutes from May 25, 2011

Attendees:

EAC:

Stephen Heverin, Chair
Joe Slapinsky, Vice Chair
Mara Baird
Skip Lynch
Deirdre Martinez
Seth Wilson
Leslie Smith, Associate

Township:

Doug Heller
Chuck Bailey

Community:

Chris Cayer

Fels consultant:

Christina Tierno

1. Call to Order; Minutes approved
2. Chris Cayer – Chris was presented with a card and gift certificate thanking her for her service.
3. BOC update – Doug Heller reported that BOC has passed riparian ordinance. Commissioner Heller recommended providing Commissioners with suggestions for best practices for stream side lawn maintenance for Township property. Part of our recommendation should include an instruction to the Township to refrain from mowing directly up to stream side. Also, the
4. Mara Baird will be the next minute taker. From this point forward, the minute taker will vary from meeting-to-meeting and will go in selected in alphabetical order.
5. Staff update – none.
6. Sustainable Springfield – Will be having a pot luck around the summer solstice. Also planning a Marcellus Shale workshop. The EAC decided to further discuss our involvement before committing to our involvement.
7. Fels consultant – Christina presented a power point regarding a proposed plan for 2012. Christina will prepare a “promising practices report” for our July meeting.

8. Mara wants us to consider if/how we should be involved in the Paper Mill Run/Cisco Park project. Bids were submitted in April and will be awarded in June. The question is whether we can support the Township project. Could we do signage or planting?
9. Sun Articles – we will strike the Marcellus Shale reference. We need to get our comments to Joe’s proposed article. Marsha is willing to write another article – wants it to be “issue related” as opposed to scheduling. A suggestion would be info as to how trash is disposed of. We also need to determine the guidelines and deadlines for submission to the Springfield Sun. Steve will double-check if Paul’s thank you article was ever published by the Sun.
10. EAC brochures – The turf 101 should be put on the website. Steve will send to Mike Taylor.
11. BOC request – Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed → Mara contacted; they’re looking for volunteer committees; should vote at next meeting to send someone as representative.
12. Lawnmower event – Well attended. Lots of electric lawnmowers were sold to residents. Joe Slapinsky attended.
13. New member Vivian had emergency surgery and could not attend.
14. Deirdre would like to call in for the next meeting. She will be away.
15. Next meeting we’ll discuss having a planning meeting.
16. BOC creating social media guidelines. Once BOC finished, we will revisit our policy. For now, Steve will move forward with Constant Contact. EAC will authorize up to \$200/year. Need to forward to Doug to put on BOC agenda for approval.