

EAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

EAC Members Present:

Stephen Heverin, Chair

Mara Baird

Vivianne Englund-Callahan

Deirdre Martinez

Seth Wilson

EAC Assoc. Members Present:

Leslie Smith

Commissioners Present:

Jeff Harbison

General:

Stephen called meeting to order.

Vivianne took minutes for the meeting. Meeting minutes are to be taken by members in alphabetical rotation.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Meeting was to be followed by the continued planning session.

Board Report:

Wyndhill park will remain as a passive use park.

A developer has request to install two electronic bill boards in the township. The bill boards would be between 600 and 1200 square feet in size. A meeting will be held on September 8 where the developer will present three alternatives for the bill boards.

The Civil Rights Ordinance will be voted on September 14.

Staff Update

No update.

Sustainable Springfield:

No update.

Sun Article:

September's Sun article will be about the Cisco Park Stream Stabilization project.

Deirdre suggested that a yearly plan for article subjects should be prepared, so that issues like mosquitoes and composting etc. will be published at the best time of the season.

The next topic for the Township newsletter (October) will be about the September 11 Community Day.

Visitor Issues

Jeff Matheo, Friends of Cisco Park, attended the meeting to discuss the Cisco Park stream restoration project.

EAC Activities

EAC previous chair Paul Schmidt was presented with a letter of appreciation and a gift certificate.

Partnerships: EAC will be partnering with Tookany/Tacony Frankford Watershed. Stephen will attend the next meeting on September 20.

EAC Budget 2012: EAC approved that the 2012 budget will be the same as for 2011 (\$ 3,850.00).

Cisco Park: Mara reported on the meeting with the township she, Stephen and Skip attended in August. (See Mara's notes from the meeting).

Additional planting: Mara, Vivianne & Leslie will review existing plans, site conditions etc. and prepare the documents needed for grant application. EAC will apply for grant, direct /install the plants. Installation planned for spring 2012.

Signage: EAC to prepare conceptual lay-out /design to be presented to the board, apply for grant, direct fabrication, siting and installation (pending funding).

Education: Workshops / educational information to be planned Collaboration with schools set up. Deirdre will be the point person and will pursue recruiting an intern from Penn to work on the grant application and the signage project.

EAC voted as a goal for 2012 to have the additional planting and the signage completed. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Community Day: To be held September 11. The EAC will have one table.

Deirdre will use an excel program for a raffle to sign up persons for the news letter.

Raffle price from Primex & Schuylkill Valley Nature Center.

Kid activities need to be determined.

Stephen will send out further information.

Associate Members: Leslie Smith agreed to be appointed associate member at our September meeting.

Old Business Quarry in Oreland - Jeff inquired if EAC would be interested in a tour of the quarry, now a wildlife sanctuary. The majority of the members were interested.

New Business

No update