

EAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

EAC Members present:

Stephen Heverin, Chair

Mara Baird

Stacy Blankin

Derek Colquhoun

Joseph Slapinsky

Seth Wilson

EAC Associate Members present:

Patrick Eddis

Commissioners/Staff present:

Chuck Baily

Jeff Harbison

1. General – Meeting called to order. Seth agreed to be minute taker. September 2013 and June 2013 minutes approved.
2. Visitors
 - a. Sarah Gabriel – interested in performing a feasibility study re compost; Mara suggested adding yard waste to the study; Sarah will keep us in the loop and we'll support the project as necessary; Joe will act as the EAC liaison with Sarah.
 - b. Mike Lawrence – running for Commissioner in Ward 4; explained his concerns relating to the construction of the Erdenheim Elementary School, which included significant water/sediment runoff; he showed us several photographs in support of his position that elementary school was not properly performed; he does not want the Township campus renovations to be similar; he wants to make sure contractors properly perform the work and comply with applicable regulations.

3. Staff Update – Chuck attended a Stormwater Management and MS4 training; he discussed potential funding sources for future projects; he also advised that we should hear about the DCNR grant in November; he also told us that the Mill Road bridge would be completed by the end of the year.
4. BOC Update – Joe was at previous BOC meeting during which time he responded to questions from the Commissioners regarding the EAC.
5. Articles/Newsletter
 - a. Seth will submit a November article. Derek will submit a December article.
 - b. Compost newsletter will be turned into a brochure and will include the following topics: (1) standard, (2) pet, (3) green, and (4) worm. We are also considering a rain garden brochure
6. Grant update – Chuck advised that we should hear back from DCNR in November; we're also waiting to hear back on the WP grant; it was decided that if the DCNR grant was not approved, we would look into several other grants; Stephen will contact Cora Brooks re an alternative use grant; Stephen also agreed to look into a watershed project/grant involving Villanova and Temple.
7. Northwestern Avenue - Waiting for a response from the Township regarding our comments. Chuck will inquire whether a response is forthcoming.
8. Speaker – we did not have a fall speaker; a decision was made to have a speaker in the spring instead.
9. We will not be meeting in November or December.
10. Old business – none
11. New business – none