

APPROVED
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
January 7, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

Present: Jim Porcelli, Denise Rose, Stephanie Gundling, Xiaoping Mo; Joshua Snyder, Rege Ebner

Absent: None

Guest: Letty Savage, Mark Smith, Patrick Pagano, Thadeus Popovich, Robin Maow (sp?)

The meeting began at 7:35 PM

The Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2018 and December 3, 2018 October 2, 2018 will be reviewed/approved after the meeting.

Old Business:

Land Management for Acorn Park

Discuss Acorn Park strategy and potential timeline for making recommendation to Council. Update on potential funding from outside sources. – Last month Stephanie spoke with Emilie R. at ALT and learned that ALT would create a land management plan for Acorn Park for a cost of about \$2,000-\$3,000. We discussed seeking grants but there was a concern that the process may take a long time and funding was uncertain. Such an expense is within the spending allowed by the EAC. Stephanie will invite the ALT to provide to us a proposal and arrange for a representative to visit our next meeting to discuss how to proceed. After we receive a land management plan, much of the effort required thereafter may be from volunteers.

New Business:

No drawings were received for review.

There was a general discussion on how Borough events/decisions could better be disseminated to the residents.

There was a general discussion about the recently issued pending ordinance directed to limitations on fracking in the Borough. This will be addressed by the planning commission.

Rege Ebner brought to our attention the Certified Backyard Habitat program offered by the Audubon Society of Western PA. It is an environmental audit performed for homeowners for a fee. We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30PM.

Jim Porcelli
EAC Chair