

APPROVED
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
February 4, 2020
MEETING MINUTES

The Draft Minutes for the January 7, 2020 Meeting were missing some information and will be sent out in a couple of days for approval.

Present: Paul Minor, Letty Savage, Jim Porcelli, Stephanie Gundling, Cassandra Miller-Butterworth, Kim Freithaler, Denise Rose and Rege Ebner
Guest: Chriss O'Lare - Franklin Park resident

Old Business:

Update on Acorn Park study

- Review and approve list prepared by Stephanie of items from the Acorn Park Report for recommendation to Borough Council. - Stephanie provided a draft detailed summary of the action items selected last month upon review of the Acorn Park Report from ALT. The summary will be refined and, upon final approval by the EAC, submitted to Council. Many of the action require volunteers. Stephanie suggested April 18 as an Acorn Park volunteer day and will publicize this event.

Comments on updating the 2015 Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan

- Update on the Borough's efforts for a multi-borough municipal plan with Boroughs such as Ohio Township and Marshall Township – Update – No report at this time.
- Update on MS4 program. – Rege indicated that the Borough's efforts are being directed to the flooding of the creek along McAleer Road

Linbrook Park Proposed Improvements

- Review and approve the summary of recommendations for improvements put together by Paul pursuant to our Jan. 11 site visit. – Based upon the site visit of the EAC on Jan. 11, Paul compiled a list of suggestions to supplement the improvement plans. The list was approved by the EAC and will be forwarded to Council for consideration.

New Business:

Discuss possible public meeting for additional education on recycling. – Not discussed.

Discuss the possibility of exploring how other communities/cities address recycling. – Not discussed.

Address the request from Council directed to a resident's request for 1) sound barrier and 2) buffer zone associated with the Deerfield Estates Development. – 1) The EAC is not aware of any sound barriers in Franklin Park between roads and private property nor any ordinances that would require as much. This appears to be a matter left to the discretion of the development owners. 2) Articles 212-2002.B and 212-2012.B of the zoning ordinance make clear that a buffer zone is required only when lots of different uses abut one another. The lots on both sides of Deerfield Estates appear to be residential lots, just as Deerfield Estates. Therefore, there appears to be no requirement for a buffer zone. Note – the EAC is providing only an opinion based upon our understanding of the ordinances.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:50 PM.

Jim Porcelli

EAC Chair