

**APPROVED  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
February 5, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES**

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

Absent: None

Guest: Paul Minor, Jim Bursic, Mark Smith, Kim Freithaler, Cassandra Miller-Butterworth, Letty Savage, Bob Davis, Chris Hartigan, Thaddeus Popovich, and Cynthia Navadeh

The meeting began at 7:35 PM

January 2019 Meeting Minutes were already approved by email.

**Old Business:**

**Approval of the long term strategy for Acorn Park**

The Long Term Strategy list was approved for presentation to Council as a recommendation.

**Land Management for Acorn Park**

Discuss Acorn Park strategy and potential timeline for making recommendation to Council. – Update from Stephanie. – Stephanie discussed the proposal provided by Christopher Beichner of the Allegheny Land Trust. A representative of ALT will attend our next meeting to answer questions about the proposal. Additionally, the EAC will consider advice that the Little Sewickley Watershed Association may provide.

**New Business:**

Review TAPH LLC Workforce Campus Land Development Application. – The EAC had comments on possibly reducing the number of parking spaces, adding deep root trees on the slope adjacent to Brandt School Road, widening the sidewalk and sought confirmation that the turning lane was long enough, since the drawings we reviewed did not show this detail. Doug Tait of Tait Engineering and Ms. Simon, the owner of the building, were very helpful in answering questions.

Discuss Certified Backyard Habitat Program and how we may promote it and/or recognize participants. – The EAC would like to provide recognition to those individuals who receive certification from the Audubon Society for this program. Rege will check with the first recipient to see if he is agreeable to such publicity. Also this program will be publicized in the Feb 2019 Borough newsletter.

Dr. John Stolz of Duquesne University has funding for a project whereby residents have the opportunity for free “pre-drill” water tests to determine if laterals from fracking may have an effect on their well water. With the approval of Council, this program will be publicized.

Invite questions from EAC candidates. – The EAC candidates asked a number of questions.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00PM.

Jim Porcelli  
EAC Chair