

**APPROVED
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
March 3, 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting began at 7:30PM

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

Feb. 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved with the qualification that the attendance must be added.

Old Business:

Update on Acorn Park study

- Update on Acorn Park Review and April 18 Volunteer Day this event. Discussion on how the Volunteer day should be run. Individuals volunteered for different tasks. Stephanie will come up with a master plan for the activities of the day. A review of assignments and status was tentatively scheduled for April 11.

Linbrook Park Proposed Improvements

- Update on Linbrook Park EAC Recommendation – Rege will submit the EAC suggestions on the Linbrook Park development to Council for consideration.

- Status of reply to Council for resident's request with respect to the Deerfield Estates Development- 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. This summary will be provided to Council.

New Business:

Discuss possible Memorial Garden and holding an annual Community Garden Fair – We will extend an invitation to the individual making the request to better understand how we may be able to assist.

Discuss possible public meeting for additional education on recycling. – Delayed until next meeting.

Discuss the possibility of exploring how other communities/cities address recycling. – Delayed until next meeting.

Discuss how the EAC can contribute in light of the corona virus epidemic - The topic was discussed and it was confirmed that the Borough will be following the Allegheny County Health Department and CDC recommendations.

The Festival in the Park will be held June 27. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

There were no drawings to review.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35PM

Jim Porcelli EAC Chair