

**APPROVED
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
April 6, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Virtual Meeting began at 7:30PM.

Present: Paul Minor, Letty Savage, Jim Porcelli, Stephanie Gundling, Cassandra Miller-Butterworth, Denise Rose, Chris Hartigan and Rege Ebner

Guest: Rich Burton and Mathew Bagaley on behalf of Beanjo, LLC; Kevin Cotter on behalf of Orchard Hill Church; and Liz Meeder on behalf of Primrose Daycare Center

The March 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes were previously approved.

Old business

- Update on recycling

We reviewed a new draft of the recycling guide put together by Steph with input from EAC and Donna Platt. We are exploring the best form of this guide (i.e. sticker, magnet, etc.). We intend to distribute the guide to Borough residents. Will contact the Newsletter printer to see if it is possible to insert the guide within the Franklin Park newsletter but that will be many months from now. It will be possible to distribute an email blast to all of the Franklin Park residents and include a PDF file containing the guide. We may also be able to hand out the guide during the upcoming Festival in the Park.

- Update on deer management options

Denise provided an update on the Deer Impact Assessment and Mitigation Summit webcast she attended and provided literature for members to review. We also plan to review the frequency of automobile accidents that may have been caused by deer in the Borough.

New Business:

- Festival In The Park (June 26, 2021)

The EAC would like, if possible, to secure a second table dedicated entirely for education on recycling in the Borough. We discussed whether or not it would be beneficial for a tick expert to again attend the Festival and the consensus was that this would be a beneficial. We will contact the appropriate individual. We decided against entertainment because the timing and the opportunity for such entertainment was limited and the number of attendees in the past has been low.

- Butterfly Pledge

We will further review the proposed butterfly pledge and discuss it next month

- Plastics Webcast

No individuals were able to review this webcast. However we will continue to discuss the recycling topic.

- Possible Clean Up Day

We do not have interest in pursuing a cleanup day in the immediate future and will reconsider this again when the opportunity arises.

- Allegheny Land Trust Grant

The Allegheny Land Trust has asked the EAC to provide a letter in support of their effort to secure a grant from the DCNR to purchase three parcels of land in Franklin Park to advance their goal of securing green space and to continued selection of green space to protect with in the North Hills. The EAC approves such an effort and will provide such a letter of support.

Review of Landscape Plans

The EAC reviewed the Beanjo, Orchard Hill Church, and Primrose Daycare Center landscape plans and asked representatives questions for a better understanding. We had no objections to these plans. We did have some optional recommendations and will forward those to each of the owners. The Sugar Creek plans were provided to the EAC for information only and no review was sought.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Jim Porcelli
EAC Chair