

**APPROVED
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
May 12, 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

Virtual 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, Solbridge Energy Advisors representatives Will Brown and Greg Winks.

The April 7, 2020 meeting was cancelled and therefore there are no meeting minutes to approve.

Old Business:

- Update on Acorn Park effort
 - April 18 Volunteer Day at Acorn Park was cancelled. – We will revisit this issue to reschedule when the permissible social guidelines become clearer.
- Status of possible Memorial Garden and holding an annual Community Garden Fair. – We will invite the individual making the original request to attend our next meeting.
- Update on grant status for local park improvements. – Grant applications have been submitted and Rege will keep us posted on their progress.

New Business:

- Discuss possible public meeting for additional education on recycling. Tabled until June meeting.
- Discuss the possibility of exploring how other communities/cities address recycling. Tabled until June meeting.
- Current status of and guidelines for The Festival in the Park scheduled for June 27. This event will probably be cancelled. We will know more next week after Borough Council decides.
- Discuss the spotted lantern fly, and how to limit its spread within our Borough. – Cassandra gave to us literature and a summary of the spotted lantern fly threat. We will continue to explore this problem to arrive at recommendations we can provide to the Borough and residents. Penn State Extension is currently providing a free on-line webinar and the members were encouraged to sign-up for the webinar.
- Discuss with representatives from Solbridge Energy the feasibility report for providing solar panels on Borough buildings and at select locations within the Borough. – Will Brown and Greg Winks of Solbridge Energy Advisors provided a thorough explanation of how the Borough may benefit from the installing solar energy systems. The EAC strongly supports the use of renewable energy sources so long as conversion to such sources is economically reasonable. Therefore, the EAC supports further involvement with Solbridge Energy Advisors to pursue this goal.
- Discuss how the Covid-19 epidemic may affect EAC activities. – As previously mentioned, the April 18 Volunteer Day will be rescheduled and the Festival In The Park may be cancelled.
- There were no drawings to review/approve.

Jim Porcelli – EAC Chair