

**APPROVED**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**July 7, 2020**  
**VIRTUAL 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

Guest: Faran Savitz of the environmental advocacy group PennEnvironment

The June 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved.

**Old Business:**

- Spotted Lantern Fly update – An article provided by Cassandra addressing the threat and what residents can do to minimize/prevent infestation will be published in the upcoming Borough Newsletter. Cassandra will also distribute educational information to local outlets, such as Northland Library, the Post Office, Garden Centers and social websites.

**New Business:**

- Review Wetzel Development Plan – This Plan did not include landscape drawings. Without such drawings, we will request clarification about how we can contribute to this review process.

- Discuss the possibility of exploring how other communities/cities address recycling – On hold.

- Possible discussion of single-use plastic with representative from PennEnvironment – Mr. Savitz provided an overview of the mission of PennEnvironment. One goal of the group is to end single use plastic. The EAC is willing at this time to focus upon suggesting and implementing ways in which single use plastic can be discouraged within the Borough. This may include better publicity of the environmental damage and working toward providing interested parties with cloth or other reusable bags. However, at this time, in light of the Covid pandemic, many stores provide and encourage single use bags to minimize spread. This reusable bag effort may be delayed until such a time when restrictions are lessened and the use of reusable bags is again encouraged.

- Borough Recycling – In the renewed agreement between the Borough and Waste Management Company, as of Jan 1, 2021, glass and No. 3-7 plastics will no longer be collected. The EAC discussed alternative ways of recycling glass, including pop-up glass bins in which glass must be sorted by color. We will discuss and explore this more.

The Meeting ended at 8:45 PM.

Jim Porcelli  
EAC Chair