

APPROVED
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 7, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
w/attachment

Virtual Meeting began at 8:00PM.

Present: Paul Minor, Jim Porcelli, Denise Rose, Chris Hartigan, and Stephanie Gundling

Absent: Cassandra Miller-Butterworth, Letty Savage, and Rege Ebner

Guests: Sean Carmody and Lauren Breslin on behalf of Black Oak Inv. Office Building

Justin Beall, Christine Sylvester, and Raymond Maguire on behalf of Justin Beall's Landscape Service

The August meeting minutes were previously approved.

Old business

- Update on deer management options

We will wait until next year and evaluate the condition of the deer population and the impact on the Borough at that time.

- Butterfly Pledge

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

- Festival in the Park (June 26, 2021) Summary

Attendance and booth visits this year were as great as they have been for years. We ran out of all giveaways except pens. We will restock and be ready for next year. Paul Minor's table on hazardous waste and recycling was very popular and well received. Bill Moore, the tick expert, was well received.

New Business

- Food scrap recycling – Next year at the Festival in the Park we may consider setting up a sample compost bin for residents to consider back yard composting of food scraps.

- Plans to review

- Justin Beall's Landscape Conditional Use Application

- Black Oak Investment Office Building Landscape Plan

See the document in the attached file "EAC Landscape Plan Review of Sept 7, 2021" sent to Rege the day after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:30 PM.

Jim Porcelli
EAC Chair

Review of Landscape Plans by EAC at Aug 3, 2021 Meeting

Dear Rege,

Here are the comments on the plans we reviewed at the September 7, 2021 EAC Meeting.

1. Black Oak Investment Landscape Plan for 2402 Nicholson Road Drawing No. LA-1 dated July 2021 (Original) but with red lines indicating proposed changes to the Original. The drawing was transmitted with a letter from Carmody & Ging, LLC dated September 3, 2021 from Sean S. Carmody.

The EAC has the following comments:

- a) No objection to satisfy the shortfall of 100 landscape points with landscaping on the southeast side of the property;
 - b) No objection to eliminating the interior landscape island at the southwest corner of the parking lot;
 - c) The EAC strives to promote the Borough vision of adding sidewalks to property adjacent to roadways wherever possible. While the EAC appreciates the effort of Black Oak Investment to maintain a majority of the existing vegetation along Nicholson Road, the EAC also believes it important to provide pedestrian circulation by installing sidewalks to connect adjacent properties for pedestrian traffic. Therefore, the EAC would like to maintain a majority of the existing vegetation, especially of the mature trees, but also requests the addition of pedestrian circulation; and
 - d) As a general comment, we suggest planting in the early spring or in the fall to maximize chances of the plants/trees flourishing.
2. Conditional Use Application CU 21-08-04 – Applicant Justin Beall’s Landscape Service – Drawing titled “Maguire/Sylvester Residence, 1565 Alagua Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143”, Drawing No. Design #2 REVISED dated August 26, 2010 (TYPO???) by M. Dietz

The drawing date appears to be incorrect. I confirmed with the owner that the correct date should be August 26, 2021. The EAC has no objections to these updated landscape plans. As a general comment, we suggest planting in the early spring or in the fall to maximize chances of the plants/trees flourishing.

Sincerely,

Jim Porcelli