

EAC Meeting Summary: Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Present:

EAC Members: Michelle Garg, Karen Guerrero, Harmonie Hawley, Mary Ellen Heisey, Tom Heisey, Steve Kunz, Jonathan Meyers, and Mike Roscoe.

Board of Supervisors (BOS): None.

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

- **EAC Meeting Summary Approval**
 - The meeting summary of the April 2019 meeting was read and approved.
- **Announcements**
 - Ms. Heisey announced:
 - The two EAC articles in “In Phoenixville”.
 - Pamela Brown, director of conservation at French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, will be the guest speaker at June EAC meeting.
- **Public Attendance**
 - None.
- **Presentations**
 - None.
- **EAC 2019**
 - EAC network conference report
 - Mr. Meyers reported ~40 individuals attended the conference. It focused on the spotted lanternfly. Many EAC representatives attended from the nearby townships. The meeting allowed the group to share experiences and ideas. One new area that was discussed is to ban single use plastics.
- **Reports/Updates on Ongoing Business**
 - **Bird Town**
 - No updates.
 - **Clean-ups**
 - No updates.
 - **Energy Planning**
 - Solar Panels
 - Mr. Meyers is still investigating the potential for solar panel lease for the pole barn.
 - Energy Code
 - Green Building codes: Mr. Heisey reviewed his findings. Schuylkill township code is based on the PA state uniform construction code. Philadelphia follows the more recent international code. There is no such thing as a PA green building code. DEP does have green building codes that can be followed, but they are not part of the township code. The EAC motioned and unanimously voted to keep the code. If additional research on the international 2018 code updates is needed, the EAC recommends that the code enforcer review and provide it.
 - **Land Use Ordinances Subcommittee**
 - Mr. Roscoe reported that the subcommittee requested updates will ensure that a certain percent of the developable land will be deemed open space.

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- **Name Unnamed Streams Project**
 - No updates.
- **Pickering Preserve**
 - Archer's Association- no updates.
 - Ms. Heisey review the email from Mr. Cram. He would like to propose rough-sawn oak for a modest boardwalk (25-30 feet long and 4 feet wide) in the less water saturated areas/swales. He also suggested that we allow wetland vegetation to expand in the excessively wet areas. The EAC would like to discuss this further when Mr. Cram is present at the next EAC.
 - Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and mowing schedule sub-team –The team didn't meet. The area was mowed and the tractor caused ruts.
 - Mr. Cram emailed that the area was cleaned last month without EAC involvement.

- **Spotted Lantern Fly**
 - Mr. Guerrero reported the latest research states the flies like to climb to the highest point in our area which may indicate that they are looking for a more suitable environment. She also reported they are now found in Virginia and New Jersey.
- **Storm Water Management**
 - The storm water management information Ms. Hawley provided were posted to the township website. She will review it for accuracy.
- **Treasurer's report**
 - No updates.
- **Valley Park**
 - Ms. Majewski emailed that PECO removed some trees and that the site distance is in review with PADOT.

- **Developments**
 - **Eagles Pointe at Sedgley Farms (Reeves property)**
 - Mr. Kunz announced that public hearings are complete. Mr. Kunz testified on behalf of the EAC on the record since he was cross examined. BOS likely will make decision on the application at its July meeting.
 - **Proposed WaWa**
 - No updates.

- **New / Other Business**
 - Next EAC meeting June 25th.