

TOWN OF McCANDLESS
MINUTES – ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council Liaison Zachary, with the following in attendance: EAC members Allshouse, Kirk, Minard, Singer, Moreth, Schweiger and Zdinak; also present, Town Manager Cordek and Communications Assistant Bojarski, and residents as per the sign-in sheet.

WELCOME

Council Liaison Zachary, who served as temporary Chair for the first part of the meeting, welcomed the members, expressed gratitude for their expertise and explained the nature of the Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Following the welcome, members of the Committee went around the table to introduce themselves and talk about what direction they saw the Committee going. Town Manager Cordek introduced himself, and Communications Assistant Bojarski also introduced himself.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Ms. Zachary called for nominations for Chair. Mr. Singer asked if anybody was interested in the role. Ms. Schweiger said she was. Mr. Kirk nominated Mr. Singer.

Ms. Zachary closed nominations, and called for a vote for Ms. Schweiger to serve as Chair. The motion failed to pass, with Mr. Minard and Ms. Schweiger voting in the affirmative. Ms. Zachary called for a vote for Mr. Singer to serve as Chair, which passed with Messrs. Allshouse, Kirk, Singer, Moreth and Zdinak voting in the affirmative.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chairman Singer called for nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Zdinak nominated Ms. Schweiger. Chairman Singer closed nominations, and Ms. Schweiger was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

DISCUSSION

Chairman Singer prompted the members to discuss ideas and topics for the EAC to pursue, using a list of topics that came up during the interviews conducted by Town Council of applicants for the EAC. Mr. Cordek noted that the two most commonly brought up topics during interviews were water quality and deer management.

Topics the EAC discussed included wastewater management, deer population management, protecting North Park and Pine Creek, orienting EAC members as to what the Town already is doing environmentally, getting an inventory of green space in the Town, identifying businesses in the Town that work with materials that could be harmful to the environment, seeing how well trained

the local Volunteer Fire Companies are to respond to environmental catastrophes, the possibility of EAC members sitting in on meetings of other Town committees, getting direction from Town Council, updating the Town's comprehensive plan, roadside cleanups, and recycling by local businesses.

Members also discussed how to proceed with its topics. Chairman Singer said members should go through over the list individually before the next meeting, where Town staff members will be present to discuss how the Town is addressing the topics. Ms. Zachary said she would solicit ideas from Town Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Georgiana Likar, 10150 Grubbs Road, said that an update of the comprehensive plan is overdue, and said she appreciated that the Town was discussing it.

Mark Donatelli, 9753 Griffith Road, said he does not want Walmart in the Town and said the Town has an environmental problem involving stormwater runoff.

Rita Martin, 10585 Grubbs Road, said she was happy the EAC exists, and said deer management is something that needs to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Moreth to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kirk and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Bojarski
Asst. to the Town Mgr., Communications