

TOWN OF McCANDLESS
MINUTES – ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Singer, with the following in attendance: EAC members Allshouse, Kirk, Minard, Moreth, Schweiger and Zdinak; also present, Council Liaison Zachary, Town Manager Cordek, Zoning Officer Betty, Public Works Superintendent Sabina, Code Enforcement Officer Frazier, Communications Assistant Bojarski, Andy Banfield of PVE Sheffler and residents as per the sign-in sheet.

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Moreth and seconded by Mr. Kirk to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2016 EAC meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PROJECT IDEAS

Chairman Singer asked that EAC members go around the table and talk about what they would like the committee to focus on.

Mr. Allshouse discussed deer management. Mr. Kirk discussed getting an inventory of greenspace in the Town. Mr. Minard discussed GIS mapping and coordinating with local environmental groups. Mr. Singer discussed communication, outreach and education. Mr. Moreth discussed establishing an environmental baseline. Vice Chairwoman Schweiger discussed recycling by businesses. Mr. Zdinak discussed making an environmental checklist for residents, greenspace inventory, GIS mapping and community involvement.

Chairman Singer noted that he received a list from Council Liaison Zachary detailing project ideas from Town Council, which included deer management, roadside cleanups, maintenance of community gardens and having more animal habitats and birdhouses. Additionally, Chairman Singer noted that Ms. Zachary expressed an interest in looking into state laws related to fracking, sidewalks and trail connectivity.

Chairman Singer noted that Town staff members were in attendance. Town Manager Cordek led introductions of staff members and consultants, which included Zoning Officer Betty, stormwater engineer Andy Banfield of PVE Sheffler, Public Works Superintendent Sabina and Code Enforcement Officer Frazier. Chairman Singer noted that Fire Marshal Stack could not be at the meeting, but submitted a memo to the EAC in his absence.

Mr. Cordek noted that Town administration also made a list of possible subjects for the EAC to explore, which included water quality, deer management, greenspace, adopt a highway/stream programs and the comprehensive plan update.

Chairman Singer asked to go over the list of ideas from EAC members while staff members were present. Members and Town staff discussed deer management, greenspace, GIS mapping,

recycling, litter cleanups, the idea of environmental checklists, road salt usage, touring the MTSA facility, communication and outreach, solar power, and planting.

Chairman Singer said the committee has narrowed its focus more, and further discussion can take place at the next meeting. He advised members to get ideas so the EAC can start a project. Mr. Zdinak suggested members e-mail ideas to each other so as to prepare for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Donatelli, 9753 Griffith Road, noted that Ross Township recently approved a new shopping center, and asked about the purchase of the former RAVE Cinema property. Mr. Betty said that property was purchased by Richland Properties, and said the developer is not sure of what will go in that property.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kirk to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moreth and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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