

**SWARTHMORE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
June 23, 2015

**In Attendance:** Chair Susan Kelly; members: Nancy English; Doug Hasbrouck, Fintan McHugh; Lauren McKinney, representative of Borough Council. A quorum was present.

Minutes for the May 2015 meeting have been prepared by Tracy Bouvette, but he was in Colorado.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bamboo ordinance (passed):**

The bamboo ordinance passed by unanimous vote at the recent Borough Council meeting. Members of Borough Council were generally complimentary about the ordinance provisions and were appreciative of the time and attention spent in drafting the ordinance. There have since been two reported violations thus far.

**Park ordinance (passed):**

The ordinance establishing park regulations was also passed by Borough Council.

**Growing Greener Grant:**

The Growing Green grant is now at the stage where we need to submit amounts for the matching local funds. Tracy Bouvette spoke to David Burke at PA DEP about the grant. In-kind consideration is expected from local stakeholders, such as PECO, the Swarthmore Swim Club, Springfield Township and Swarthmore Borough.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bamboo in park: removal methods/use of chemicals:**

The Parks Committee is holding a meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 in the Borough Council room. The primary discussion will concern the removal methods for the bamboo in Little Crum Creek Park. Susan Kelly agreed to forward to David Grove (Chairman of the Parks Commission) certain excerpts from Tracy Bouvette's email regarding his research into the usage of Liberator 711. References to EAC approval or recommendations will be removed, as the idea is to share information so that a more informed decision can be made.

The neighboring property owners previously hired Tim Stone, who cut bamboo and then sprayed the soil with chemicals approximately one year ago. It was discussed that an erosion and sediment control plan should be in place for this larger scale removal and

potential spraying, including the installation of a silt fence and other measures to prevent runoff from entering the park and Little Crum Creek. Susan also mentioned that work days in the park would be postponed or discontinued in that area.

### **Establishing Friends of Little Crum Creek Park:**

It was discussed that the EAC might be overwhelmed by the amount of maintenance necessary for Little Crum Creek Park. Although the EAC is charged as the Steward of the Park, neighboring municipalities generally maintain parks as part of their public works budgets. It was discussed that park usage and cleanup might be improved if a part-time hire could be made for someone who could organize park activities and cleanup days. The Centennial Foundation was raised as a potential source of funding for an employee who would potentially work 3 hours per week during the warmer months. Feelers could also be put out on Nextdoor Swarthmore as well as *The Swarthmorean*. The CRC was also raised as a potential source for information, in case it has experience in putting together a focus group. Susan volunteered to call CRC about the issue. The Boy Scouts were also raised as a potential source of sweat equity in improving the Park.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**July EAC Meeting: July 28, 7:30 pm, Community Room**

*Minutes submitted by Fintan McHugh*