

Swarthmore Environmental Advisory Council

July 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Susan Kelly, Chair; members Doug Hasbrouck and Matt McCabe; associate member Annie Fox; Lauren McKinney, Borough Council liaison.

Absent: Members Tracy Bouvette, Ashley Grider, Jon Penders, and Aurora Winslade; associate members Jennifer Pfluger, James Verdi.

Minutes:

Lacking a quorum, past minutes were not voted on.

It's Not Trash

There has been a shortage of volunteers to work on collecting and composing the data about how and where to recycle items. Annie Fox indicated that she would try to take over developing the content for items to submit to Ashley Grider, who will submit them for the website, and she hopes that college students will help in the fall.

Little Crum Creek Park

The July 28 work day with SRS parents and children was cancelled due to heat and scheduling conflicts that volunteers had. The next work day with this group will be on August 17. Susan Kelly reported that a group of Wallingford mom have expressed interest in helping in September.

Grants

CORPOS (Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation, Parks, & Open Space) plan – nothing to report.
Growing Greener Planning grant--nothing to report.

Borough Resolution to Join the Climate Alliance

There was a discussion of the proposed resolution and there was a general consensus to recommend it to the Borough Council for approval. Lacking quorum the text of the resolution will be circulated to all EAC members for final approval via email.

Report from Borough Council

Lauren McKinney reported on:

- The Planning Commission held a visioning meeting with the Centennial Foundation, but there was little public involvement. Although the Planning Commission meeting was public, it wasn't clear if the idea of discussing the vision of where the Borough should be headed in the years to come was publicized.
- This led to a discussion by EAC members about the Centennial Foundation, and hoping that the parks and open space might be something that the Foundation would be interested in.
- There was discussion of the damage that SRA created at Little Crum Creek Park when they held their July 4th picnic and horseshoe contest. Although SRA apparently considered the horseshoe pits repaired, EAC members indicated that significant pitting and depressions still existed.
 - The consensus of the members present was that Lauren should recommend that the ordinance covering the use of parks by organizations should include a \$250 to \$500 deposit to cover damage.
 - Alternatively, it was discussed that part of SRA's budget allotment from the Borough budget might be used to repair the pits.
 - It was noted that although alcoholic beverages are forbidden from all Borough parks, a significant amount of drinking occurs at the SRA event.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at about 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Doug Hasbrouck