

Swarthmore Environmental Advisory Council
August 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Susan Kelly, Chair; members Ashley Grieder, Doug Hasbrouck, and Elizabeth Jenkins.
Associate member: Danielle Callahan.

Absent: Members Tracy Bouvette and Matt McCabe; associate members Annie Fox, Jennifer Pfluger, and James Verdi.

There were no public comments offered.

The minutes of the June 2017 and July 2017 meetings were passed without changes.

Little Crum Creek Park

There was discussion of the need for Borough government and Council Committees to be more active in caring for and maintaining parks. A concerted effort to pursue grants and individual gifts to support Borough parks and open space, especially as the CORPOS study comes to a conclusion, would be very timely.

Susan Kelly reported she and Matt McCabe had a good meeting with the Vice President of Russell Roofing to discuss the replacement of the Gazebo roof. We are now waiting for a formal proposal from the firm.

It was reported that, after months of monitoring, it has been determined that the large stone fireplace and chimney is gradually leaning to the rear. Out of fear that it could fall, the Borough has determined that it needs to be removed.

There was discussion about how much the fireplace is used, and the consensus of the group was that its replacement, somewhere on the Cresson Lane portion of the park, would be highly desirable. The Council suggested that the stone from the fireplace, which appears to be local Wissahickon shist, be saved for the eventual construction of a replacement.

It's Not Trash

There has been a shortage of volunteers and committee participation to work on collecting and composing the data about how and where to recycle items. Ashley, Chair of the committee, indicated that she would try to take over developing the content for the website and hopes that College students will help in the fall.

Grants

CORPOS (Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation, Parks, & Open Space" plan is still in limbo (in draft stage).

Budget

With the Borough budget planning cycle underway, the EAC discussed budget needs at the park. Identified needs include:

- Sturdy picnic tables and benches
- Replacement of the Gazebo roof
- Continuation of the porta-a-potty rental

- One additional dog-waste collection station close to the intersection of Cresson Lane and Swarthmore Avenue.
- A new fireplace for community gatherings

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

Respectfully submitted, Doug Hasbrouck