

**Horsham Township
Environmental Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2019**

In attendance:

BOARD:

Tina Fedorak, Chairperson
Marc Newell, Vice Chairman
Stuart Brereton (absent)
Ana Lisa O'Connor-Cellini
Steve Quigley (absent)
Dan Quinn
Ret Turner (absent)

STAFF:

Larry Burns, Director of Community &
Economic Development

AUDIENCE:

Mrs. Fedorak called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Mrs. Fedorak asked for the will of the board regarding the minutes of the board meeting of January 22, 2019. Mr. Newell motioned for approval, second by Mr. Quinn. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES & EVENTS:

Mrs. Cellini confirmed that she had done some additional homework on local recycling efforts. Mr. Burns distributed a recycling flyer that Whitetail Disposal, a local trash hauler and recycler, had sent with recent bills. Mr. Burns commented that until recently, he was unaware that plastic bags were problematic for recyclers as they created issues for their equipment.

Mr. Burns distributed a copy of letter from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council to the township thanking the township for their support.

Mrs. Fedorak noted the Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference was being held May 16-18th at Skytop Lodge in the Poconos in case anyone was interested in attending.

Mrs. Fedorak discussed Earth Day in April 2019 and confirmed we would have a table at the Jarrett Nature Center event. Typically, the EAB is in attendance and host a craft event. Discussion ensued whether we could have available some educational materials on recycling or if we could find a sponsor for a re-useable water bottle give away.

Mrs. Fedorak confirmed she had not had the opportunity to do additional research on Birdtown USA or Treetown USA. It was her belief that Birdtown USA may be an easy designation to earn, as she believed Treetown USA designation required the cost of engaging an arborist.

Mr. Burns reported that he had talked with Mike Shinton, the Township's Director of Codes regarding a native plant ordinance. Mr. Shinton had confirmed that in our Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances that we had a list of recommended tree and plant species and that all subdivision plans were also reviewed by the township's landscape architect. He suggested that our "process" provided the township control over plants and trees used in subdivisions and questioned whether a separate native plant ordinance was really necessary. After some discussion, Mr. Burns indicated he'd distribute the township's recommended tree and plants and the matter could be further discussed at the next meeting.

Mrs. Fedorak and Mr. Newell discussed various aspects of the annual plant swap, and our intentions of doing the same program this year.

Mr. Burns confirmed that there was no change in MS4 status.

Regarding the base, Mr. Burns confirmed that February 12th Governor Wolf PFC Action Team meeting was cancelled due to snow, and it was believed that it would be rescheduled sometime in the future.

Plan Reviews:

Plan 19-4-D for 1402 -1404 Welsh Road was reviewed. The board had no comment.

Public Comment:

There was none.

Mrs. Fedorak reminded the board that our next meeting was scheduled for March 26, 2019 at the Horsham Library.

Adjourn: 8:31pm

Minutes Approved at March 26, 2019 meeting

