



Meeting Minutes: 19 July 2010

Present:

Diana Erney
Mike Sacks
Cathi Kratzer
Nicole Miller
Peter Saenger
Kate Harms

Excused:

Scott Swackhamer

called to order at 7:05pm

Chair's Comments:

Peter is going to the luncheon on July 22nd

Approval of Minutes: Approved

Amendments to Agenda

Road side spraying:

Spraying team did not leave a buffer and that will have an effect in the water, we will see results in our water testing over the next few months. Penn Dot needs to answer us on this to see what they say.

Basin and Plantings:

Peter wanted to discuss the area and mowing, need to talk about mowing with Scott and marking the area so don't mow over some important plants for us. Mike Savage does most of the mowing so we need to talk to him before any mowing does get done. Need to trim and stake the plants before fall.

GIS:

Peter went to the Audubon picnic, ran into a former Lockheed Martin employee, offered to train Peter on GIS and how to use it. Peter is going to have training with him as soon as he can. Peter will need water testing results in excel so he can move the results into the GIS system. Cathi to check if they have a PNDI account will check with Jill at Hanover Engineering.

Budget:

Mike discussed the budget for 2011, if we have any projects for 2011 need to get it to Joni by September.

Agenda:

Dogwood tree- Because the nursery did not plant the tree, they don't want to offer replacing it, or she will replace with a smaller tree but they want to wait until the heat wave is over. Scott has a dogwood tree we can take and use as well.

Water Testing Results:

Allentown water results are not part of our results, DEP testing will be giving us some new results as well.

Conservation Zoning:

Diane is concerned about the zoning process and feels there is room to improve the zoning ordinance. Conservation areas are more defined in other townships (Boyertown), Diane is looking at how they defined the areas and she was interested in open space and sewerage sludge, there are areas you and can and can't spray in some areas of the township she is reviewing. There may be funds available as well if you make specific changes to our zoning ordinance. Jill Smith and Jill Nagy are currently looking at the zoning due to recent wetland issues in our township that residence voiced concerns around.

Website:

Diane talked about using software to build a site, Diane is looking at possibly building a website for video, blogging, tagging, surveys, etc..... Software for this is free; cost to build the site is around \$700. Talked about monthly cost to maintain the site as well could run about \$10-\$15 a month. There are grant opportunities for us to look at applying for a grant, Diane will research what grants are available. Kate

will also reach out to Jeanne Ortiz as well. Also need to look at Toyota Growing Greener grants as well.

Earthday cleanup sign:

Can we possibly have sign put up to show the EAC cleanup effort? Cathi to reach out to Penn Dot about the sign.

EAC Mission Statement:

Need to look into doing a Mission Statement, Cathi to look into this further.

Adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Next Meeting: August 16, 2010