

Mechanicsburg Environmental Advisory Council
July 9th, 2020 – 6:30 PM
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Keith Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. The following members were present, Chairman Thomas, Harry Baker, Heidi Biggs, Joe Bucher, and Susan Richards. Mark Grosz was absent. Also present were Councilman Pellman, Assistant Manager Boyer and Recycling Coordinator Arnold.

GUESTS/ PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no guests or public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 12, 2020

Richards made a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2020. Bucher seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON

Councilman Pellman reported that Borough Council has been meeting in person since the second June meeting. Councilman Pellman congratulated EAC member Bucher on being elected to Borough Council. Councilman Pellman also informed the EAC of the signage waiver approvals for Legacy Park and the waivers for the Northside project. Biggs ask what was included in that memo. Assistant Manager Boyer produced copies of the memo for the members of the EAC to review (see attached). Councilman Pellman discussed the fundraiser for the Wrench Drop that will take place at the park and also discussed the Wrench Hunt which is sponsored by the DMP.

REPORT OF RECYCLING COORDINATOR

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

BUSINESS AGENDA

REFUSE CONTRACT

Recycling Coordinator Arnold discussed the changes that have been made to the 2021 Refuse Contract as per the June meeting with the EAC. Edits were still being made to the contract as reported by Arnold.

Electronics Recycling Event 2021

Members of the EAC discussed whether to have the Electronics Recycling Event in 2021. It was decided by the members to as Council to allocate money from the 2020 budget to the Capital fund to be used in 2021 for the Electronics Recycling Event. After much discussion on a date and details the EAC members decided that April 24, 2021 would be an excellent date for the Electronics Recycling Event and that we would not enlist the optional shredder event that could be combined with the event. Recycling Coordinator Arnold was asked to check on the need for a forklift for the event and whether the volunteers would be asked to load the trucks.

Community Garden 2020

Thomas reported that the growth seems to be plentiful in the Community Garden. The gardeners are practicing adequate social distancing and they seem to be happy with the mowing in the garden. Thomas reported that the faucet nearest to his plots seems to be leaking quite a bit. Boyer replied that she would have someone take a look at it.

OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Boyer gave an update on the Natural Playground and said that work is still moving along. Boyer reported to the EAC members that the choice of a pergola had to be changed due to bedrock being so close to the surface in that area. A swap was made for a bridge over a dry creek bed formation instead of the pergola. The change was approved by DCNR for the grant application details. Boyer suggested at the September meeting the group set a date to walk the natural playground trail and discuss the next step.

None

NEXT MEETING: August 13th, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

Richards made a motion to adjourn with Bucher seconding it. All voted in favor and Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.