



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
August 8, 2022
MINUTES

PRESENT: Austin P. Henry, Chairman; Peggy G. Jayme, Thomas J. Murphy, Jay S. Troutman, Members; Joshua R. Callendar, Borough Engineer; Dan Moretti, Zoning Administrator; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant

VIA ZOOM: Donald H. Newman, Brenda McEver, Members; Brian Almeter, Fahringer, McCarty, Grey, Inc.

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Hanna, Borough Council Liaison; Michael Pohl

ABSENT: Nanette Bennett, Member

Mr. Henry called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Mr. Henry welcomed the Environmental Advisory Council's newest member, Brenda McEver.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on May 9, 2022, be approved as submitted. The motion passed with Mr. Troutman abstaining due to his absence at the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Environmental Disturbance Application: Milestone Homes
22-03 Enclave – Lot 307R
Construction of a New Single-family Residence

Brian Almeter from Fahringer, McCarty, Grey, Inc. was in attendance to answer questions relative to the construction of a new single-family residence located to the northeast of Old Indian Trail Road with driveway and associated stormwater management facilities. The application also includes the proposal to remove 42 trees over 6" DBH.

The applicant is seeking a waiver from the restriction of 25% of steep slope areas containing moderate risk. The application proposes disturbance of 49% of steep slopes containing moderate risk.

There was discussion regarding the stormwater management facilities and how water would be directed on the property.

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Ms. Jayme commented on the tree replacement plan there are a lot of native Oaks being removed, none substantial, but she would like to see Oaks go back onto the property. Mr. Troutman echoed Ms. Jayme's comment stating the Oak trees seem to agree with the soil and ridgeline nicely and would be appropriate to be putting back in. Mr. Troutman asked, relative to the disturbance, if tree nos. 198 and 202 can be retained. It was determined the trees are in an area of cut that would prohibit keeping. Therefore, Mr. Troutman backed Ms. Jayme's request to consider putting in more serious hardwoods rather than decorative ones. Mr. Henry suggested, from a stability perspective, planting a few more hardwoods in place of some of the 28 Evergreens proposed in the replanting plan.

Following review and discussion it was moved by Mr. Troutman that Environmental Disturbance Application No. 22-03 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted contingent upon the review and approval by the ACCD and including the waiver of the ordinance restriction on disturbance of steep slopes with moderate risk up to 49%. Also contingent upon the submission to the EAC a revised replanting plan with more hardwoods within the 42 trees to be replaced.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Jayme and passed by unanimous vote.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

KELSEY M. MERSING
Administrative Assistant