

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 13, 2021

PRESENT: Jay S. Troutman, Nanette Bennett, Thomas J. Murphy, Donald H. Newman, Walter A. Scott III, Members; Paul R. Bell, Code Official; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant

VIA ZOOM: Peggy G. Jayme, Member; Jessica Demoise, Christina Hoenig, Nathan Loden, Ronald Morosky, Michael Pohl, EAC applicants; Wesley Posvar, Parks Commission Chair; and approximately five additional attendees

ALSO

PRESENT: Jason Hurwitz, Fox Chapel Golf Club

ABSENT: Austin P. Henry, Chairman

Mr. Troutman called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on November 8, 2021, be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

With the endorsement of those present, Mr. Troutman jumped ahead in the agenda to discuss reappointments. Doing so allotted more time to review Environmental Disturbance Application 21-13.

OLD BUSINESS

<u>EAC Member Reappointments:</u>	Nanette Bennett – Term Expires 01/01/2022
	Thomas J. Murphy – Term Expires 01/01/2022
	Walter A. Scott, III – Term Expires 01/01/2022

Mr. Troutman reported the term expirations of Nanette Bennett, Thomas J. Murphy, and Walter A. Scott, III. He noted Mayor Scott's plan to retire at the end of his term. Still, Mayor Scott agrees to be re-appointed temporarily, giving EAC members the necessary time to meet with and interview the interested applicants in order to make an informed recommendation for appointment to Council. Mr. Troutman moved to re-appoint Ms. Bennett, Mr. Murphy, and Mayor Scott.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Newman and passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Environmental Disturbance Application:</u>	Fox Chapel Golf Club
21-13	426 Fox Chapel Road
	Proposed Removal of 26 Trees

Jason Hurwitz from the Fox Chapel Golf Club was in attendance to discuss the proposal to remove 26 trees over 6" DBH deemed a high priority. He confirmed the 26 proposed trees for removal are a portion of the 72 trees submitted in a previous application. Mr. Hurwitz detailed the Golf Club's landscape masterplan by Fazio Design that will serve as the club's working document for the future with all things relative to the property. He also stated that the Golf Club consulted with Davey Tree to identify species, planting methods, and proper spacing for replanting trees on the property. Ms. Jayme commended the lovely list of trees replanted.

Members of the EAC addressed concerns regarding the elements of stormwater management, stream remediation, and the impact of the canopy as they relate to the Borough's ordinance.

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Ms. Jayme reviewed trees to be removed at tee box 16, including the Kentucky coffeetree, the Norway Maple (an invasive species), the Tulip Poplar, and five Crabapple Trees and was agreeable with the removal of those trees in light of what has already been replanted.

Mr. Newman moved that Environmental Disturbance Application 21-13 be recommended for approval by Borough Council. After further discussion, the motion was amended by Mayor Scott to recommend the removal of 21 trees, excluding tree nos. 5, 8, either 11 or 12, 15, and 26 as listed with the additional recommendation from Mr. Troutman for the Golf Club to consider stream remediation.

The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

KELSEY M. MERSING
Administrative Assistant