



FOX CHAPEL

BOROUGH

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING January 9, 2023 MINUTES

PRESENT: Austin P. Henry, Chairman; Nanette Bennett, Brenda McEver, Donald H. Newman, Members; Dan Moretti, Zoning Administrator; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant

VIA ZOOM: Peggy G. Jayme, Thomas J. Murphy, Members; Betsy Monroe, Borough Council; and one additional attendee

ALSO PRESENT: Jason Hurwitz, Clint Guyaux, Fox Chapel Golf Club; Sarah Hanna, Borough Council Liaison; Michael Pohl

ABSENT: Jay S. Troutman, Member

Mr. Henry called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

Mr. Henry congratulated Donald Newman on his reappointment to the Environmental Advisory Council.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on August 8, 2022, be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Environmental Disturbance Application:</u>	Fox Chapel Golf Club
23-01	Submitted by Jason Hurwitz, Superintendent
	426 Fox Chapel Road
	Tree Removal Application TR-22-150

Jason Hurwitz and Clint Guyaux from the Fox Chapel Golf Club were in attendance to answer questions relative to the removal of 8 trees over 6" DBH casting shade on greens #4 and #11. The applicant proposes replanting 100 trees along #2 Fairway for screening and wildlife habitat. The sourced trees include 12 Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*), 3 White Spruce (*Picea glauca*), 55 Jack Pine (*pinus banksiana*), and 30 Black Pine (*pinus nigra*).

There was some discussion regarding the progress of previous tree removals and installations on the property. Mr. Hurwitz stated that the Fox Chapel Golf Club has an ongoing master campus plan

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that calls out a number of different sites throughout the property for installation and reforestation, which they intend to follow through with in a phased approach.

Ms. Jayme commented that she would prefer to see more of a mixed border of trees as opposed to one variety due to the risk of disease that could wipe out a single species. For consideration, she offered the Allegheny viburnum as a suggestion to mix in as it is big, keeps most of its leaves all winter, is native, and has berries for the birds.

Additionally, Mr. Troutman submitted comments in his absence. He asked for the applicant to add Oaks to the replanting schedule in place of or in addition to Evergreens. Generally, the EAC likes to see a 1:1 replacement of hardwoods; however, in this case, given the Golf Club's ongoing discussion with the Borough and the purpose for the 100 trees to screen, the species selected were determined to be reasonable.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Newman moved that Environmental Disturbance Application No. 23-01 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted, contingent upon the replanting plan of 100 trees, the species as amended by the aforementioned list provided, for the purpose of screening off of the #2 hole.

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

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

KELSEY M. MERSING
Administrative Assistant