

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 12, 2021

PRESENT: Austin P. Henry, Chairman; Nanette Bennett, Jay S. Troutman, Peggy G. Jayme, Thomas J. Murphy, Donald H. Newman, Walter A. Scott, III, Members; Paul R. Bell, Code Official; John Heyl, Borough Engineer; Shawn Peterson, Borough Secretary

ALSO

PRESENT: Rachel Upadhyay, KU Resources, Inc.; John Frydrych, CEC, Inc., Paul Francioni, Shady Side Academy; Jonathan Kamin, Goldberg Kamin & Garvin, LLP; Elena Alves, Strada LLC; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant; Greg King, Jayson Livingston, Sean Beasley, Michael Pohl

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

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on June 14, 2021, be approved as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

Application No. 21-09: Greg King
2 ½ Willow Farms Lane
Proposed New Single-Family Residence

Rachel Upadhyay from KU Resources, Inc. was in attendance to discuss constructing a new single-family residence at 2 ½ Willow Farms Lane with a second-story deck, driveway, and walkway to the front door. The application also includes the proposal to remove three trees over 6" DBH.

Following review and discussion, it was moved by Mr. Troutman that Application No. 21-09 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted with the following conditions:

- All recommendations by the Borough Engineer's review letter dated July 9, 2021.
- Contingent upon replanting six deciduous hardwood shade trees to replace the three very large hardwoods being removed. Ms. Jayme asked that the large trees along the front and right sides of the property have adequate tree protection.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Scott and passed by a unanimous vote.

Application 21-08: Shady Side Academy
423 Fox Chapel Road
Lower Fields Renovations

John Frydrych from CEC, Inc. was in attendance to discuss the proposed conversion of an existing baseball field and practice field to an expansive athletic complex on synthetic turf. Improvements would include a baseball field, softball field, and combined soccer/lacrosse field. Bleacher seating is planned on the existing slope. This application also includes the proposal to remove forty-nine trees over 6" DBH with the replanting of fifty-five trees.

Ms. Jayme asked that the two Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven), no. 100 and 113 be added to the proposed tree removal list. She stated that these trees are a sanctuary for the spotted lanternfly, an invasive insect. She asked that two more trees be added to the replanting plan due to tree removal of 100 and 113.

Following review and discussion, it was moved by Mr. Troutman that Application No. 21-08 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted with the following:

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- All recommendations by the Borough Engineer's review letter dated July 9, 2021, including the ACCD approval.
- Contingent upon the replanting plan as submitted with the addition of two more shade trees due to the added removal of trees 100 and 113.
- A de minimus waiver on steep slopes with high landslide risk permitting up to .96% of total slopes from that category to be disturbed, permitting disturbance of .55% of very steep slopes with high landslide risk, and allowing a waiver of 2.33% of very steep slopes with low landslide risk from 15-17.33%.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Scott and passed by unanimous vote.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

SHAWN M. PETERSON
Borough Secretary