



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 2022
MINUTES

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

VIA ZOOM: Peggy G. Jayme, Member; Jerry Nist, Hampton Technical Associates, Inc.; William Tippins; Sarah Hanna; Michael Pohl

ALSO PRESENT: Jessica Demoise

ABSENT: Thomas J. Murphy, Walter A. Scott III, Jay S. Troutman, Members

Mr. Henry called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

<u>Environmental Disturbance Application:</u>	William C. Tippins
22-01	109 Hickory Hill Road
	Construction of a New Single-family Residence

Jerry Nist from Hampton Technical Associates, Inc. and William Tippins were in attendance to review the tree replanting plan submitted for the property at 109 Hickory Hill Road. The plan proposes the replanting of 66 trees of varying native species.

Mr. Henry addressed concerns of crowding of trees on each side of the driveway and thought it might be helpful to request the applicant to move trees down, east of the level spreader to provide stability and absorption in that area. Ms. Jayme agreed moving trees towards the back would be a nice idea to stabilize the steep slope. She stated there is a nice selection of trees, but she would like to see a little more diversity. She shared a list of tree species tolerant of wet soils including Red Maple, American Hornbeam, American Holly, Dawn Redwood, Black Gum, Sycamore, and Swamp Oak for consideration. Ms. Bennett added she was very pleased the replanting plan includes large hardwood trees.

Following review and discussion it was moved by Mr. Newman that the tree removal plan associated with Environmental Disturbance Application No. 22-01 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted with the following suggested changes:

- The relocation of one White Oak and one River Birch from the northerly (left) side of the driveway to the area below the level spreader for reasons of enhancing soil stability and for stormwater retention—swapping out those two species, the River Birch and the

White Oak, for a water absorber such as Swamp Oak, Sycamore, Red Maple, American Hornbeam or Black Gum.

- The relocation of one of the three River Birch from the southerly side of the house to the same location at the easterly side of the property to be changed for another water absorbing species previously listed.
- The relocation of one River Birch in the clump near the property line or a more water absorbing species to the easterly end of the property.

The number of trees would remain at 66 as proposed, just shuffled around so they are spaced better and, given the level spreader, complies with the ordinance to ensure stability and absorption.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In reading the minutes from the last meeting relative to Mr. Tippins property, Mr. Newman noted a good addendum would be to add that it was discussed the project requires clear-cutting as defined under the Borough's Natural Resources Ordinance. And that the consensus of the EAC was the removal of the trees was necessary for the project and would be mitigated by stormwater facilities and the landscape/tree replanting plan. It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on February 14, 2022, be approved as submitted with the amendment as stated by Mr. Newman. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:31 PM, the EAC adjourned into Executive Session to meet with and interview applicants for the vacant EAC position. At 7:44 PM, the meeting was reconvened.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

KELSEY M. MERSING
Administrative Assistant