



BOROUGH OF
FOX CHAPEL
PENNSYLVANIA

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
May 9, 2022
MINUTES

PRESENT: Austin P. Henry, Chairman; Nanette Bennett, Peggy G. Jayme, Thomas J. Murphy, Members; John Valinsky, Borough Engineer; Dan Moretti, Zoning Administrator; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant

VIA ZOOM: Sarah Hanna; Chris McKennan, Katherine Hines; and one additional attendee

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Almeter, Fahringer, McCarty, Grey, Inc.; Dan Martone, Martone Engineering; David Trueba; Dennis Huet, Infinity Custom Homes; Jason Luke; Michael Pohl

ABSENT: Donald H. Newman, Jay S. Troutman, Members

Mr. Henry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on March 14, 2022, be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Environmental Disturbance Application:</u>	Chris McKennan and Katherine Hines
22-02	140 Lakeside Drive
	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 at 140 Lakeside Drive with driveway and associated stormwater management facilities. The application also includes the proposal to remove 17 trees over 6" DBH.

There was discussion regarding the detention facility and how water would be directed on the property given a stream running through the property and a delineated wetland.

The replanting plan proposes 18 trees of varying species for replacement along the borders of the property. Ms. Jayme noted, when standing on the property facing Lakeside, she would like to see some planting done along there, if possible, to help with stabilization. Likewise, Ms. Bennett asked for consideration in planting larger trees native to the area, such as White Oaks, on the hillside in the woods behind the house.

Following review and discussion it was moved by Ms. Bennett that Environmental Disturbance Application No. 22-02 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted contingent upon the satisfaction of the remaining items in the LSSE letter dated April 29, 2022, which include ACCD approval and a road bond as well as a Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance Agreement.

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

Environmental Disturbance Application:
22-03

David and Michelle Trueba
141 Old Mill Road
Construction of a New Single-family Residence

Dan Martone from Martone Engineering was in attendance to answer questions relative to the construction of a new single-family residence at 141 Old Mill Road with driveway and associated stormwater management facilities. The application includes the relocation of an existing public sanitary sewer easement and the proposal to remove 23 living and 10 dead trees over 6" DBH. Additionally, the applicant is seeking a waiver for the provision of a geotechnical report.

A portion of the property, the northerly most corner, is to remain untouched in its natural state as agreed upon in the sale of the property.

There was discussion of the three rock sumps located along the side of the driveway, at the end of the driveway, and a main one, in the back of the yard area, for stormwater runoff to direct to.

The replanting plan proposes 35 trees for replacement including 6 American Beech and 3 Red Oak—basically 9 good canopy trees. With 20 Maples coming out, Ms. Jayme would like to see a few nicer canopy, shade trees going in on the property which also would provide screening from the neighboring house. Mr. Trueba noted a line of trees in consideration for the property line that would provide shade, cover, and ground stabilization. Ms. Jayme suggested a mixed border of trees.

Jason Luke, Chair of the Homeowner's Association, was in attendance to make a statement on behalf of the neighborhood which is governed by a series of covenants. Mr. Luke addressed concerns regarding approval of plans and removal of trees, specifically, as they relate to the covenants. Mr. Henry stated that provided with the proper documentation, it would be left to Borough Council to make a determination, not the EAC.

Following review and discussion it was moved by Mr. Murphy that Environmental Disturbance Application No. 22-03 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted which would include the waiver of any requirement for the submission of a geotechnical report and contingent upon ACCD submission and approval, the execution of a Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance Agreement, and with strong recommendation for the planting of additional canopy trees and cooperative planting along the border of the neighboring property.

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:47 PM, the EAC adjourned into Executive Session to briefly discuss the interviewed candidates for the vacant EAC position. At 7:54 PM, the meeting was reconvened.

EAC MEMBER APPOINTMENT

A motion was made to recommend to Borough Council the appointment of Brenda McEver to the Environmental Advisory Council. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

KELSEY M. MERSING
Administrative Assistant