

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 11, 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; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant

ALSO

PRESENT: Rachel Upadhyay, KU Resources, Inc.; Iain Matthews, Applicant; Mandy Steele; Michael Pohl

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

In the interest of efficiency, a motion was passed by unanimous vote to switch the order of agenda items and review Tree Removal Request TR-21-160 first.

<u>Tree Removal Request:</u>	Iain Matthews
TR-21-160	108 Silent Run Road
	Proposed Removal of 3 Trees

Iain Matthews was in attendance to answer questions related to the removal of three Oak trees over 6" DBH casting shade on the roof of his home, which will be replaced using solar tiles.

Ms. Jayme stated she would like to see pruning as opposed to removal of the trees. If that is not possible, then an aggressive replanting plan that would not interfere with sunlight on the roof would be an appropriate recommendation.

Mr. Henry noted concern of the safety issue posed by the manner in which the trees are leaning in proximity to the house. Substantial pruning may decline the overall health of the tree, which further bears on the issue of safety.

Following review and discussion, it was moved by Mr. Murphy that Tree Removal Request TR-21-160 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted contingent upon the replanting of six hardwood trees on the property.

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

Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on September 13, 2021, be approved as prepared and submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Application No. 21-11:</u>	Antonio Navas and Astrid Grijalva
	100 Willow Farms Court
	Proposed New Single-Family Residence

Rachel Upadhyay from KU Resources, Inc. was in attendance to discuss the submission of items and information requested in the LSSE review letter dated September 1, 2021, including the resizing of the detention facility to 27x27x6 bringing the calculations into conformance with the ordinance, as well as, the replanting plan for the proposed construction of a new single-family residence at 100 Willow Farms Court.

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Mr. Newman raised question relative to the infiltration test results shown in the geotechnical report. John Heyl, Borough Engineer, recommended additional testing at the time of construction to ensure the area once exposed will function as intended.

Ms. Jayme reviewed the submitted replanting plan noting the 29 trees for replanting—18 hardwood and 11 ornamental trees of varying species. Ms. Bennett pointed out that the total circumference of the trees being removed is significant compared to the total of those being replanted. Mr. Troutman suggested more large scale hardwoods such as White Oaks, Poplars, or Beech, be added to account for the trees being removed.

Following review and discussion, it was moved by Mr. Newman that the revised Application No. 21-11 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted including the tree replanting plan contingent upon the following:

- The addition of six large hardwood trees to the replanting plan for a total of 35 trees to be replanted.
- Supplemental infiltration testing performed during construction under coordination with the Borough Engineer.

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

### Other Business

Ms. Jayme asked for a spreadsheet to track the removal and replanting of trees by application moving forward. The spreadsheet will include the property address, quantity of trees for removal, quantity of trees for replanting and confirmation of replanting.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

KELSEY M. MERSING  
Administrative Assistant