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**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

PRESENT: Austin P. Henry, Chairperson; Nanette Bennett, Peggy G. Jayme, Thomas J. Murphy, Donald H. Newman, Jay S. Troutman, Members; Paul R. Bell, Code Official; John Heyle, P.E. Borough Engineer; Shawn Peterson, Borough Secretary

ALSO

PRESENT: Ken Howard, Bankson Engineers Inc; Anthony Pompeo, Mimi Loeffler, Applicants

ABSENT: Walter A. Scott, III, Member

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

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held June 8, 2020, be approved as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application No. 20-5: Anthony Pompeo

Anthony Pompeo Lot 1 – Parcel ID #287-S-090

Proposed New Single-Family Dwelling Construction

Ken Howard from Bankson Engineers Inc. gave a brief review of the project and answered questions regarding the project. A few questions were asked about the stormwater infiltration system that will be put in place for the property. There will be three facilities that all connect to the storm sewer.

Other questions arose about the removal of two specific trees, No. 32 and 105 (Oak trees). It was stated by Ms. Jayme that tree No. 105 could be saved if the engineer and Mr. Pompeo would consider shifting the driveway a few feet so as not to disturb the root system of the tree. Mr. Pompeo and the engineer agreed to look into this. Tree No. 32 is noted as not being in an area of disturbance, but Mr. Howard stated that it is close to the excavation of the trench for one of the stormwater infiltration systems, so it may disturb the roots. Mr. Howard was asked to re-examine this before removing the tree.

Following review and discussion, it was moved by Mr. Troutman that Application No. 20-5 be recommended to Council for approval as submitted, contingent upon the replacement of the four hardwoods, keeping tree No. 105, and looking into saving tree No. 32. If tree No. 32 cannot be saved, then the replacement of that tree will be added to the other hardwood replacements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Newman and passed by a unanimous vote. Members of the EAC also mentioned that the submission was very thorough and appreciated.

Tree Removal Request

No. TR-20-138 James and Mimi Loeffler

106 Shadow Ridge Drive

Proposed Removal of 83 Trees over 6” DBH

Mrs. Loeffler was in attendance to answer questions related to the tree removal on her property. She explained that most of the trees are weedy trees such as Locust, Sumac, and Cherry. She also stated that Poison Ivy is choking a lot of the trees. She and her husband fear that the trees located at the front of their property will fall into the road. There are a total of 34 living trees and 49 dead or dying trees that are to be removed. Mr. Henry stated that stormwater is not so much an issue for this property because of the topo. It was also stated that the Replanting Plan would be an upgrade to the property.

Following review and discussion, it was moved by Mr. Troutman that Tree Removal Request No. TR-20-138 be recommended to Council for approval as submitted with the supplement, and with the Replacement Plan submitted as a 1:1 ratio. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bennett and passed by a unanimous vote. Members of the EAC also mentioned that the photos submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Loeffler were beneficial.

The EAC members welcomed Mr. John Wight, and Mr. Mike Pohl, both of whom are interested in the EAC meetings and processes.

Mr. Newman discussed Act 167: Implementation Watershed Plan to the EAC in regards to the Pine Creek Watershed. Members will discuss the topic further with Borough Manager Gary Koehler regarding regulations and grant funding for upcoming projects.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

SHAWN M. PETERSON

Borough Secretary