



# FOX CHAPEL

## BOROUGH

### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING September 11, 2023 MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Austin P. Henry, Chairman; Peggy G. Jayme, Thomas J. Murphy, Donald H. Newman, Members; Dan Moretti, Zoning Administrator; John Heyl, Borough Engineer; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant

**VIA ZOOM:** One attendee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jonathan Wall, Tait Engineering, Inc.; Annette Mercer; Robert Allen; Sarah Hanna, Borough Council Liaison; Frederick Leech, Borough Council; Michael Pohl

**ABSENT:** Nanette Bennett, Brenda McEver, Jay S. Troutman, Members

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

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Jayme that the minutes from the meeting held on August 14, 2023, be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

<u>EAC Application:</u> 23-18	Annette M. Mercer and Paul Mitchell Submitted by Tait Engineering, Inc. 202 Glenhaven Lane Proposed Addition
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Jonathan Wall from Tait Engineering, Inc. was in attendance to present the application for a residential addition at 202 Glenhaven Lane with patios, driveway extension, and associated stormwater management facilities. The applicant is seeking a waiver of the requirement to provide a geotechnical report.

There was discussion regarding the design and capacity of the proposed rock sump and whether it accounts for the runoff of the existing structure. To function as intended, it will need to be properly sized. This means water from the existing structure would need to bypass the proposed sump if not included in the calculations or, alternatively, increase the size of the perforated pipe in the sump to 24", which could accommodate the storage volume and still fit within the same footprint. Mr. Newman also addressed concerns of bedrock in relation to the location of the facility. The final sump design is reliant on the results of the infiltration test.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Murphy moved that Environmental Disturbance Application No. 23-18 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted contingent upon

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the redesign of the sump to increase the capacity of the existing sump footprint, presumably by increasing the size of the pipes to be able to receive the stormwater discharge from the entire property. Also contingent upon the infiltration study calculations such that the calculations of the facility comply with the ordinance and contingent upon compliance of the applicant with the other standard requirements set forth in the LSSE letter dated September 6, 2023.

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

RESIDENT COMMENT

Robert Allen, 115 Hillcrest Road, was in attendance to express ongoing concerns regarding stormwater runoff from the neighboring property at 107 Hillcrest Road, causing erosion and damage to his property.

Following discussion, it was determined this is a private matter, and the Environmental Advisory Council has no recourse in addressing the issue.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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Administrative Assistant