

**Tredyffrin Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date of Meeting: October 11, 2005

Members: Tom Rodriguez (Chair), Molly Duffy (Vice Chair), Bonnie Bennett, Bill Bellew, Liz Feinberg

Board of Supervisors Liaison: Warren Kampf

Planning Commission Liaison: Ed Sweeney

Township Staff: Mimi Gleason

Molly Duffy (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

The September minutes were approved.

II. Specimen Tree Reviews

- A. Bentley by Design, L.P. Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan: Proposal to consolidate 2 lots on 2.5 acres and resubdivide into 3 lots at 24 Bodine Road in an R-1 Residence District (Application #03-05). [Plan prepared by Chester Valley Engineers, Inc., dated 4-18-05, revised 8-18-05.]**

Shawn Swanson (Bentley) and Brett McKay (landscape architect) presented the subdivision plan which calls for the removal of numerous specimen trees to make room for 3 houses of approximately 4,200 s.f. each and associated driveways and stormwater controls. They said that some of the trees would not need to be removed because they no longer planned to install a stormwater pipe between lots 2 and 3. The EAC felt that more quality trees could be saved if consideration were given to the location of the houses in relation to the trees. The applicant was instructed to return to the EAC with more information about how many specimen trees are to be removed and why the removal is necessary.

- B. LeBoutillier Road Associates. Preliminary Subdivision Plan: Proposal to subdivide a 70.32 acre tract into 19 lots on LeBoutillier Road in an R-1/2 Residence District (Application #25-05). [Plan prepared by Commonwealth Engineers, dated 3-8-05.]**

Susan Boswell (attorney) and Jim Haigney (engineer) presented the subdivision plan which calls for the removal of 5 specimen trees along LeBoutillier Road for a new road entrance. The applicant considered various locations for the road entrance for the new development, but 4-5 trees would need to be removed no matter where the road was located and other locations negatively impacted sight distance. The EAC decided to recommend that the removal of the specimen trees be allowed. They also encouraged the applicant to consider all possible uses of BMPs for stormwater management.

III. Westover Park Master Plan Update

The EAC reviewed the pre-final Master Plan for Westover Park that was presented at a public meeting on September 19th. The EAC appreciated the potential for environmental education at the park. Suggestions included documenting the transformation from "junk" vegetation/volunteer growth to native plants and rain gardens and using porous pavement in parking lots and trails. More discussion will follow when the project moves to the engineering stage.

IV. Reports

1. Watersheds

Mr. Bellew reported that the Boy Scouts completed the project on Trout Creek and that the EAC sponsored a talk by Tom Cahill on stormwater management. He also noted that he, Liz Feinberg and Bonnie Bennett attended the Villanova University stormwater symposium and found it very informative. The symposium included a presentation about stormwater authorities. The VU presentations will be on their website (www.villanova.edu/vusp) around the end of October for public viewing.

Ms. Bennett suggested that a VU student might be interested in working with the Township on developing a plan for a stormwater authority as a thesis project.

2. Trails Update

Ms. Duffy reported that Sidewalk, Trails and Paths Committee continues to meet. The Trails subcommittee is working on plans for future trails. The Sidewalk subcommittee is going to meet with other municipalities to learn more about their policies and experiences with infill sidewalk construction and Safe Routes to School grants.

3. Public Outreach

Ms. Bennett will contact EAC members regarding public outreach.

4. Environmental Initiatives

On behalf of Ms. Ahmann Kligman, Ms. Duffy reported that Kristin Travers from Stroud Water Research Center is interested in doing water quality testing on Crabby Creek if the Township (or some other entity) will do follow up testing. After a discussion regarding the value of the data to be derived from the testing and how it could be used, Ms. Gleason said she would contact Ms. Ahmann Kligman for more information.

5. Board of Supervisors Liaison

Mr. Kampf updated the EAC about the interim appointment of John Peterson as supervisor and the pending amendment to the Hotel Office district in the Zoning Ordinance to permit condos.

6. Planning Commission Liaison

Mr. Sweeney elaborated on the HO district amendment and plan for condos on Chesterbrook Boulevard.

7. Park & Recreation Board Liaison

See Westover Park discussion above.

8. Upcoming and Attended Conferences/Meetings

EAC members had attended the Villanova Stormwater Symposium, as well as the EAC-sponsored stormwater presentation by Wes Horner from Cahill Associates.

VII. Other Matters

The EAC discussed Mr. McCauley's suggestion that the EAC plan a project to commemorate Tredyffrin's tricentennial in 2007. Discussion followed about highlighting land use history in the Township.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi Gleason