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BOROUGH

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING July 10, 2023 MINUTES

PRESENT: Austin P. Henry, Chairman; Nanette Bennett, Brenda McEver, Members; Dan Moretti, Zoning Administrator; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant

VIA ZOOM: Peggy G. Jayme, Donald H. Newman, Members; Nicholas Cron; Sarah Hanna, Borough Council Liaison

ALSO PRESENT: William Tippins; Frederick Leech, Borough Council; Michael Pohl

ABSENT: Thomas J. Murphy, Jay S. Troutman, Members

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

It was moved by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Bennett that the minutes from the meeting held on June 12, 2023, be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

<u>EAC Application:</u> 23-11	Ellen and Randall Crawford Submitted by KU Resources, Inc. 103 Catalpa Ridge Road Regrading and Drainage Work to Redirect Stormwater
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The engineers for the project are researching to see if a connection can be made to discharge from the proposed drainage facility to the nearby storm sewer. They have requested a continuance.

Based on the request, Ms. Bennett motioned to grant the continuance.

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

<u>Tree Removal Application:</u> TR-23-63	Nicholas and Kristen Cron 20 Wedgewood Lane Removal of 33 Trees
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Nicholas Cron was in attendance to summarize his submitted proposal for the replanting of 23-24 trees to replace 33 trees for removal. He located areas on his property able to accommodate additional trees. Prior to the meeting, Ms. Jayme informed Mr. Cron via Mr. Moretti that the pear trees selected to line the driveway are on or pending acceptance to the noxious weed list. Mr. Cron noted

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that alternative options are being considered to allow for more variety and a more natural look to the property. Ms. Jayme agreed that a mixed border would be beneficial to prevent the loss of a whole row of trees in case of disease. She suggested native species, such as Hawthorns, Hornbeams, Serviceberry, etc., as options and offered to consult with Mr. Cron on an informal basis.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Jayme moved that the replanting plan for TR-23-63 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted, but substituting the pear trees with one or more trees listed in Mr. Cron's email dated July 7, 2023.

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

Mr. Cron added, after an informal discussion with Ms. Jayme, if there is a chance to put more trees along the front driveway, he will consider it. He would like to get as close to 1:1 replanting, if possible.

Environmental Disturbance Application:
22-01

William C Tippins
109 Hickory Hill Road
Expiration of EAC Application

Mr. Tippins was present to provide an update for the EAC. He started efforts to beautify the property, including the removal of the wood chip pile and the ongoing removal of the logs. Also, he is drafting a plan to replant a row of screening trees, 12-25, on the northern edge of the lot between 109 and 107 Hickory Hill. The plan is set to be completed Friday and will be submitted to the EAC for review and approval by Council in August.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

KELSEY M. MERSING
Administrative Assistant