

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 5, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee was held on the above date and time with the following members present: Chairperson Wendy Margolis, Joe Frederick, and Ben Bell. Also present were Mayor Strouse, Borough Manager John Davis, and Parks Foreman Dave Burger.

Minutes of the March 2018 Committee meeting were approved with corrections.

Dave introduced Eagle Scout Logan Rott, who presented his **proposed Eagle Scout project** on the island at South Chubb Drive and Kreutz Avenue. The Borough will replace the flagpole and eventually add permanent uplift. The Borough will also upgrade the shrubbery. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the project.

John presented plans for **two public electric car charging stations** in the Plaza West and Pine Street lots. Public Works would physically install the stations and the electrical hook up would cost approximately \$1800. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of the project.

John next presented plans for a second Community Garden on the Borough-owned lot outside the gate to the Public Works facility. All costs and materials will be covered by donations. In its first phase, the garden would include 12 raised beds. The Borough would put out a call for interested gardeners and encourage the formation of a management group similar to that at the Church Street garden. The Committee unanimously approved a recommendation to Council that the property be used for this purpose.

Under **Old Business**, Ben asked for a follow up on his concern about early attention being given to tree related issues in the zoning and planning process. John explained that steps have been taken to make sure that trees are given particular attention in our initial zoning meeting with applicants. Particular attention will be paid to ZHB applications since they do not typically take account of trees. The Zoning and Planning Committee will be made aware of these issues related to ZHB applications.

Under **New Business**, John responded to some concerns of Ben's constituents regarding a replacement street tree and the issue of vines strangling trees.

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Davis
Borough Manager

JHD:sa