

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 7, 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 Council President Jack O'Brien.

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

John presented the **Preliminary Land Development Plan for the PennDOT site** with particular emphasis on Broad Street Gateway Park. A wide-ranging discussion ensued with stormwater controls, tree species, groundcover, proposed water feature, hardscape "civic space", grading, and street furniture among the most prominent topics. The design engineers will be invited to a joint Environment and Recreation Committee/Shade Tree Commission meeting to discuss park landscaping and to a future committee meeting to discuss the water feature, civic space, and street furniture.

The Committee next approved a slate of five Borough representatives to the **Turk Road Trail Feasibility Study Committee** for recommendation to Council. They were:

1. Councilperson Wendy Margolis
2. Borough Manager John Davis
3. Lynn Goldman, Bike/Hike Committee Member
4. Dick Patterson, Bike/Hike Committee Member
5. Al Krach, Green Street resident

The Committee next noted that the **Pump Track** had opened earlier in the evening.

Under **Old Business**, Ben asked how a resident could be recognized who had been a particularly good steward of a Borough tree by having vines removed. It was decided that a letter of recognition would be written once the Shade Tree Commission had completed their new standards for the treatment of vine covered trees.

John noted that several **Maplewood residents had inquired why parts of the park were no longer mowed** and were allowed to return to meadow. They had inquired as to whether it could be mowed again. John will respond and explain why Council favors these naturalized areas.

Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Davis
Borough Manager

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