

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 1, 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 Ron Strouse, Borough Manager John Davis, and Public Works and Planning Director Phil Ehlinger.

Minutes of the September 2018 Committee meeting were approved.

The Committee considered a **request from the Clean Air Council to become a fellow petitioner to the Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board** in support for an economy-wide greenhouse gas auction cap-and-trade program for Pennsylvania by the 2050's. After discussion, the Committee voted to recommend to Council that the Borough become a petitioner.

Public Works and Planning Director Phil Ehlinger next discussed a **proposal to improve the "meadow area" in Maplewood Park**. The now mowed area would be replanted with wildflowers and other more pleasing plantings. The EAC will help produce a plan and maintenance program for the area before planting takes place. The area would encompass a significantly smaller area than the current meadow area, with the remainder becoming lawn once again. The Committee was in favor of the proposal.

Phil next discussed the **Borough's Ballfield Maintenance Program**. A complaint was received this year about the herbicide spray at Maplewood Park. After the complaint, the program was halted while the issue was investigated. The Public Works Department was unsuccessful in seeking an "organic" solution. The investigation will continue this year in search of a solution and herbicide will not be applied in the meantime to Maplewood or Burpee.

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Davis
Borough Manager

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