

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 7, 2019 - 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 Councilperson Noni West and Borough Manager John Davis.

Minutes of the February 2019 Committee meeting were approved.

The Committee continued the discussion of the issues surrounding limitations, whether voluntary or mandated, on the **use of plastic bags, straws, styrofoam, and polystyrene**. Discover Doylestown was invited to the meeting to represent the business community, but did not attend. The Committee recounted the recent meeting with the Environmental Advisory Council, who they will revisit in April to discuss data they are compiling on the subject. The Committee also discussed the Narberth Township ordinance banning straws and placing a 10 cent "tariff" on plastic bags. It was agreed that in addition to attending the next EAC meeting, John would attempt to arrange a meeting with Narberth officials. John will also reach out to Discover Doylestown to discuss the issue and to urge them to attend the EAC meeting.

The Committee next unanimously recommended that Council adopt the **Emergency Action Plan (EAP)** for the summer recreation programs.

John updated the Committee on the planned **installation of an inclusive "whirl" play equipment** this spring. The hope is to have a ribbon cutting in May or June. The installation is anticipated to be the first of three.

Under **Old Business**, John presented the new monthly "Tree Removals and Plantings" report. Ben asked if the data can be aggregated every month and John indicated that it could.

Finally, John informed the Committee that the draft Green Street/Pebble Hill Road/ Turk Road **Bike/Hike Path Plan** would be presented at the April Committee meeting.

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Davis
Borough Manager

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