

APPROVED

Wallace Township Environmental Advisory Council
Minutes of March 15, 2005 Meeting
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

In attendance: Mary Ann Zeiders, Greg Hufnagel, Susan Schneider, Mark Eschbacher, Andrew Leitzinger, and Beth Carpenter.

Absent: Jeff Colley

- I. Call to Order: Mary Ann Zeiders called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 15, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- III. Old Business:
 - A. Review Draft EAC Documents: Mary Ann led a review of the draft EAC Mission Statement and Ordinance. After suggested changes were made, the Mission Statement and Draft Ordinance were approved to be sent to the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors for review and approval.
- IV. New Business:
 - A. Change in Membership Status: Jeff Colley asked Mary Ann if he could change his status from charter member to associate member due to his commencement of a Masters program in the upcoming Fall semester. Tish Eschbacher was suggested as an alternate charter member.
 - B. Associate Members: Mary Ann proposed the inclusion of an EAC Associate Membership status within the EAC structure. Laurie Leitzinger, Heather Hufnagel, and Jeff Colley were suggested as associate members.
 - C. Activities Reports:
 1. Anna Maria gave an update on the Designated Tree Project and showed preliminary photographs of century old trees standing within the Township. Members of the Committee and the Township are encouraged to notify Anna Maria of any other such trees that should be included in the inventory. The inventory will be made into a booklet to be distributed at the Township's Community Day.
 2. Mary Ann reported on the walk-through of the Indian Run Girl Scout Camp which a developer has expressed interest in purchasing. Mark noted that the camp is the largest remaining plot of land in the

Township to be undeveloped. Because it is the site of numerous old trees and full and partial riparian buffers for the East branch of the Brandywine River, the Township is particularly concerned that developers comply with strict guidelines regarding open space, riparian buffers, and arboreal canopies. Susan provided maps of the camp and the Township that designated the area of open spaces, wetlands, and natural resources within the Township. Many of these areas extend into neighboring townships with different planning philosophies from those of Wallace Township making adherence to strict environmental guidelines problematic.

- V. Preparations for Next EAC Meeting on April 12, 2005 at 7 PM:
 - A. Susan will invite Skip McGrew of the Planning Commission and Ann Hutchinson of the Nature Land Trust to attend the council's next meeting and provide information that will help the council formulate plans and priorities. Susan distributed copies of the Wallace Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, Article V, which members are to read in preparation for that meeting. Future guests will include Jean Ortiz of the PA Environment Council and a member of the Kennett EAC.
 - B. Each member of the EAC is to develop a list of his/her top ten priorities for the council and to distribute that list among the members. These lists will be used as a basis for formulating EAC action plans.
 - C. The Green Valley Association will be holding two more meetings on March 26 and April 9. Members of the council are encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Carpenter