

FINAL MINUTES

Wallace Township Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 16, 2008

7:10 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Township Building

Members in Attendance: Mary Ann Zeiders, Beth Carpenter, Mark Eschbacher, Rick Sellen, Tish Molloy.

Assoc. Members in Attendance: None.

Guest Speaker: Jane Davidson.

Guests: Sandy Neufeld.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Approve Minutes: Minutes from August were approved.

III. Additions to Agenda: (None)

IV. Communication.

V. Old Business.

VI. New Business.

Jane Davidson presented a thoughtful talk titled "Tools for the Toolbox" which included an explanation of the hierarchy of government legislation and agencies as they pertain to PA EACs and also suggested administrative protocols for effective communication between EAC and other township elected and volunteer organizations. Jane's outline for "Tools for the Toolbox" has been inserted below.

WALLACE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

TOOLS FOR THE TOOLBOX

16 September 2008

AGENDA

I. ENABLING LEGISLATION

- A. Federal – NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act)
- B. State – Pennsylvania Municipality Planning Code Act of 1968, P. L. 805
- C. County – Pennsylvania is a Commonwealth; therefore, a County cannot pass laws.
- D. Local – Ordinances.

II. REGULATIONS THROUGH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

- A. Federal
 - 1. Department of the Interior – National Park Service.
 - 2. Department of the Defense - Army Corps of Engineers.
 - 3. Department of Transportation – Federal Highway Administration.
- B. State
 - 1. Department of Environmental Protection.
 - 2. Department of Cultural and Natural Resources.
 - 3. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
 - 4. Department of Transportation, PennDot District #6
- C. County
 - 1. Chester County Planning Commission
 - 2. Open Space and Agricultural Easements Board
 - 3. Chester County Historic Preservation Officer.
- D. Local
 - 1. Wallace Township Planning Commission.
 - 2. Wallace Township Historical Commission.
 - 3. Wallace Township Board of Supervisors.
 - 4. Wallace Township Zoning Hearing Board.

III. AGENCY INTERACTION

- A. Federal
 - 1. Wetlands.
 - 2. Major subdivisions.
 - 3. Bridges and highways.
- B. State. Same as above.
- C. County. Same as above.
- D. Local. Same as above.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL

- A. Fieldwork and collect data.
- B. Organize natural resources inventory.
- C. Create action and report systems.
- D. Learn laws and regulations to justify decisions.

V. CASE STUDY

- A. Moore Hall, Schuylkill Township
 - 1. Cultural Buffer Zone too small between historic resource and new development.
 - 2. Create foliage barrier to protect historic resource's orientation integrity.
 - 3. National Park Service assistance.
- B. Wallace Township Subdivisions
 - 1. Identify natural resources.
 - 2. Work with Wallace Township Historical Commission to blend historic resources and natural resources with new construction within regulation guidelines.

Thank you for your valuable expertise and time as a Wallace Township citizen to support land stewardship. Be an informed Environmental Advisory Council member. We depend on you.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane L. S. Davidson
Wallace Township citizen
Wallace Township Historical Commission member since May 1975

VII. Public Comment.

Sandy Neufeld expressed concern that the Cornoq quarry might be forgotten as a valued water resource and suggested that the 100 ft riparian buffer protection should be applied to the quarry. It was thought that copies of quarry pumping records would be useful to determine if the quarry water originates from the Brandywine Creek or from underground springs?

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by,

Tish Molloy
Oct. 20, 2008