



Chester Borough Environmental & Open Space Committee

Meeting August 11, 2021 7pm

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Agenda Item:	Actions:
1. Call to Order	Present: Jennifer Cooper, Ed Ng, Eileen Carvalho, Ken Christensen, Alison Miskiman, Laura Szwak (ANJEC) Absent: Kelli Kovacevic
2. Presentation by Laura Szwak from ANJEC	Introduction to Laura and ANJEC Chester is a member of ANJEC and receives access to information and webinars (anjec.org). Feedback from committee: ANJEC report is helpful; additional information on relationship building and grants available from the Highlands Council; best practices from other committees and commissions; library of Open Space and Recreation Plans ANJEC to receive an updated roster with EOSC members.
3. June 9, 2021 minutes	Approved
4. Reports a) Land Use Board b) Chester Trails Subcommittee	a) First meeting in September 2021 will discuss the Larison property development (i.e., landscape design and buildings). b) Township Recreation has requested maps for Township kiosks. Based on demand at Township kiosks, the EOSC to provide maps now and recommend we share costs for additional printing in the future.
5. New Business a) Seward Hill Stewardship Plan project display/signage/etc b) E&OSC Project Management	a) This is needed to inform residents; refer to 6h for discussion on public engagement. b) Subcommittee chairs and members identified; see #6 below. Subcommittees to report out monthly to EOSC. c) Climate change and what can be done as a community, committee, and individuals.

<p>6. Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) RVCC Deer Mgmt Study, Township update b) Green Infrastructure Plans - Zoom meeting c) OSRP, Open Space and Recreation Plan (formerly ROSI), Highlands update d) Chester Community Day e) ANJEC Bluebird House Grant f) Ecological Restoration - update g) Intensive Use - update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) No updates to date. Kelly to chair with Eileen to support subcommittee. b) No update. c) The Land Conservancy submitted a bid to develop the Open Space and Recreation Plan; however, need two more bids. Ed will request additional bids from contractors. d) Eileen and Ken are co-chairs with Alison on committee e) Eileen and Alison are co-chairs with Jennifer to serve on the committee. Action items: Contact CFO to discuss cost center; how funding is being provided (i.e., reimbursement?) f) Area 1, part of Area 3 cleared in 2020; and cleared between Tennis Club and Bunker have been sprayed for Tree of Heaven. Draft report to be delivered to the Committee in September. g) Committee awaiting report from consultant. h) Display at Borough Hall and IT/Social Media/StoryMap subcommittees to be combined to Public Engagement – Alison and Jennifer to co-chair with Ken on committee. Alison to provide write-up to cost, benefits, other committees (Shade Tree, Recreation); Ken to lead contact for newspaper public relations i) Wastewater management – proposed as separate EOSC subcommittee; Chair: Ed; Members: Alison and Ken
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>9:00pm</p>

The mission of the Chester Borough Environmental & Open Space Committee is to provide leadership and vision in advising Chester Borough on actions and policies of sustainability including preservation and enhancement of the quality of Chester Borough's environment and open space, as well as the health and well-being of its residents and businesses.