

Falls EAC Meeting October 12, 2023

Attendance

EAC members

Present: Erik Person, John Bentz, Jairus James, Wes Plaisted

Absent: Eileen Donahue, Jeannine Delwiche, David Walsh

Others present: Ed Pullen, John Manderack

Meeting Called to order: 7:02 pm

ITEM #1: PLAN REVIEWS

- The council expressed concern over waiver request B by Keystone Trade Center – Building 20 Development during the September 2023 meeting
 - The council sent a letter on Sept 18 to the supervisors recommending that the request to be freed from the need to preserve 20% of wetland margins not be granted. We suggest that if this wetland margin must be disturbed that it be subsequently repaired, replaced, and/or relocated.
- Bucks County Industrial Dev. Corp c/o Corco Chemical, 299 Cedar Lane, Fairless Hills. Manufacturer of reagent grade chemicals. No concerns were expressed regarding the requested waivers as follows:
 - To not require sidewalks along any of the street frontages since sidewalks do not currently exist in this area
 - To not require street trees along the proposed lot frontages where suitable trees do not exist (lot 1 area is paved; trees exist in lot 2)
 - To not require buffer yard planting as they are not traditionally required between similar use tracts
 - Note: previously granted waiver to allow 64.08% impervious surface ratio (exceeding 50% maximum)
- DANJA, LLC, 110 Central Avenue, Fairless Hills. Business unclear, perhaps the location of a sitework contractor
 - No waivers requested beyond unspecified existing nonconformities; council had no concerns
- 9169 MILL CREEK RD, LEVITTOWN. Existing businesses in the area are Millcreek Inn Grill and Hacketts Towing. Proposal is to construct a proposed 2,173 sq. ft. repair shop/storage area and a proposed 1,051 sq. ft. restaurant/building addition where there is currently paving. Waivers requested will maintain current nonconformities, reflect current frontage conditions (e.g., no curbs), or are logistical (e.g, drawing scale)
 - No concerns were expressed

ITEM #2: FALLS TOWNSHIP RESIDENT CONCERNS

- John Manderack regularly visits Levittown Lake and often picks up a lot of trash there, especially from people fishing. He would like to see the township to install public trash cans. The EAC agreed to reach out to public works to request having them placed around the lake. [Post-meeting edit: this lake is in Tullytown]

ITEM #3: LOCAL EAC ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- None

ITEM #4: EARTH DAY 2024

- None

ITEM #5: IDEAS FOR NEWSLETTERS

- For Spring/Summer 2024:
 - <https://www.birdwatchingdaily.com/news/conservation/study-fireworks-have-long-time-impact-on-wildlife/>
- For Fall/Winter 2024:
 - Recommended using the insect and tick repellent article previously recommended

ITEM #6: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Sept 14, 2023 minutes were approved (4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstention)

ITEM #7: OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

- Eileen and Jeannine will assist in the E waste recycling event on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the community park. Jairus will assist if possible.
- The council suggested sponsoring a photo contest for birds, possibly combining it with the winter bird count
 - Jairus volunteered to design a graphic for a bird photo contest
 - Additional details remain to be worked out regarding coordinating a contest. Jeannine to follow up with Falls Parks & Recreation
- Bulk disposal day will be 10-21
 - Residents can take stuff to Waste Management for no fee on this day
- Yard waste pick up days will be Nov 4, 11, 18
- EAC has been granted permission to continue (re)posting Facebook content as it has been

New Business

- Wes suggested posting on the Facebook page information on xylitol, which is toxic to dogs, being a new ingredient in peanut butter

Next meeting: Thursday, November 9, 7pm at 450 Lincoln Highway (the Social Security Building)

ADJOURNMENT: 7:31