



# FOX CHAPEL

## BOROUGH

### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING February 13, 2023 MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Austin P. Henry, Chairman; Brenda McEver, Member; Dan Moretti, Zoning Administrator; John Heyl, Borough Engineer; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant

**VIA ZOOM:** Peggy G. Jayme, Thomas J. Murphy, Jay S. Troutman, Members; Sarah Hanna, Borough Council Liaison; Greg Gorman, PVE LLC

**ALSO PRESENT:** Michael Pohl

**ABSENT:** Nanette Bennett, Donald H. Newman, Members

Mr. Henry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on January 9, 2023, be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

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| <u>Environmental Disturbance Application:</u> | Pittsburgh Field Club                 |
| 23-03                                         | Submitted by PVE                      |
|                                               | 121 Field Club Road                   |
|                                               | Construction of a pickleball facility |

Greg Gorman, Landscape Architect for PVE, LLC, was in attendance to answer questions relative to the proposed construction of pickleball courts and an access stairwell with associated fencing and retaining wall system located within the Pittsburgh Field Club complex, east of Hemlock Hollow Road. The limits of disturbance for the project incorporate the existing clay tennis courts, which are to receive surface reconditioning. The application also includes the proposal to remove three trees over 6" DBH.

There was discussion regarding the process to remove existing asphalt from the parking lot, as well as, the operation of the stormwater detention facility. The project's intent with respect to removing the asphalt will facilitate the installation of a retaining wall to level the area, providing adequate gradient for pickleball courts. Currently, the parking lot slopes from south to north. Incorporating the L-shaped retaining wall will accommodate raising the north-western corner of the proposed courts by 4.5 ft. In addition, removing the existing asphalt will allow for proper cohesion between the subsurface material and the new material to be added. Stormwater for the project is accommodated via an underground

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detention facility tied into an existing private storm infrastructure system that discharges to the adjacent stream. The design comprises a perforated barrel pipe within a stone gallery to facilitate rate control.

The removal of two deciduous trees and one coniferous tree occurs in the location of the proposed concrete stairs providing access from the lower parking lot to the upper parking lot. The staircase was strategically located in an effort to minimize the impact on existing trees of 6" caliper or larger. The replanting plan includes sixteen native trees—primary species options include the Downy Serviceberry and Columnar White Pine, with alternate options being the Shadbush Serviceberry and Eastern Redcedar.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Troutman moved that Environmental Disturbance Application No. 23-03 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted, contingent upon Allegheny County Conservation District (ACCD) approval, the execution of a Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Borough, and other requirements as pointed out in the Engineer's review letter.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and passed by unanimous vote.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

KELSEY M. MERSING  
Administrative Assistant