



FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING April 8, 2024 MINUTES

PRESENT: Austin P. Henry, Chairman; Thomas J. Murphy, Members; Dan Moretti, Zoning Administrator; John Heyl, Borough Engineer; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant

VIA ZOOM: Peggy G. Jayme, Brenda McEver, Members

ALSO PRESENT: Jerry Nist, Chris Schmidt, Hampton Technical Associates Inc.; Jonathan Kamin; Fred Leech, Borough Council; Michael Pohl; and one additional attendee

ABSENT: Nanette Bennett, Donald H. Newman, Jay S. Troutman, Members

Mr. Henry called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

To allow additional members to join the meeting, Mr. Henry postponed the consideration of the minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EAC Application: Karl A. Calandra and Stephanie Rizzo
24-05 112 Haverford Road (Parcel No. 437-R-10)
Submitted by Christopher Schmidt, *PE - Hampton Technical Associates Inc.*
Proposed Construction of Addition and Pool Area

Jerry Nist and Chris Schmidt from Hampton Technical Associates, Inc. and Jonathan Kamin were in attendance to answer questions relative to the construction of a 2-story garage and pool house, pool, hot tub and patio areas, pergola, concrete walkways, and stormwater management facilities at 112 Haverford Road. The applicant proposes to remove eight trees over 6" DBH.

There was a brief discussion regarding a past complaint of land clearing associated with the property, in which a notice of violation was sent. No previous actions were taken for replanting. The current application includes a hearty replanting plan of forty trees, accounting for the eight trees proposed for removal with this project and past trees removed on the property.

There was an in-depth discussion regarding the design, size, and location of the proposed infiltration facility. Mr. Henry expressed concern about the proximity of the level spreader to the neighboring property line and asked if it could be pulled back. After reviewing the plans again, the engineers agreed it would be possible to adjust the location of the level spreader based on previously

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removed trees. Additionally, the specs show the facility as a four-barrel infiltration, whereas the calculations for stormwater are based on five barrels. The design would need to be corrected, or new flow calculations submitted that account for the total impervious surface flowing through the system.

Regarding the replanting plan, Ms. Jayme commented that the River Birch, Sweetbay, Redbuds, Smoke Tree, and Dogwoods are all smaller trees with shorter life expectancies. She asked if some of those species could be swapped out for native hardwoods that would be more substantial and longer lasting, like Maples, Oaks, or Elms. It was determined eight to ten native hardwood trees would be reasonable to swap.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Murphy moved that Environmental Disturbance Application No. 24-05 for 112 Haverford Road be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted, including a waiver for a level spreader but contingent upon:

- The engineers repositioning the tank and spreader outlet to pull it back as far as possible to give the greatest distance between the level spreader and the downslope property line.
- Confirmation that the flow calculations for the facility are adequate for the 8,250 sq ft of total impervious surface the system is handling.
- Confirmation of the design to be a five-barrel as opposed to a four-barrel infiltration tank as the stormwater management report calculates.
- Swapping out at least 8 of the named trees in the replanting plan with deciduous, longer-life hardwoods.
- Compliance with the other standard requirements set forth in the LSSE letter dated March 8, 2024.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Jayme and passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Henry noted receipt of guidelines for resident comment to be considered by the Council. The guidelines will be circulated to EAC members for discussion at the next meeting.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. McEver that the minutes from the meeting held on March 11, 2024, be approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

KELSEY M. MERSING
Administrative Assistant