

MINUTES OF
ROSE VALLEY EAC
MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2023

Attendance:

EAC Voting Members: Leonard Busby (Chair); Roger Latham (Vice-Chair); Katie Rubin; Byron Sherwood; Cindy McPherson

EAC Associate Members: Peter Howell

Other Attendees: Bill Hale (Mayor); Dave Firm (Borough Council President); Katherine Meehan (Borough Council Member); Lars Kihlstrom (visitor from Sweden); Bruce Hunt

Call to Order:

Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm.

Approval of Minutes for meetings of January 24 and February 28, 2023:

Cindy moved that these minutes be approved. Roger seconded. Passed unanimously.

Update on Moravian Tiles (and trail information):

Peter reported that Moravian Tile Works is making good progress on creating the tiles specified for trail markers in the Saul Preserve.

Peter reported that he had used CLIO at the Newland Grist Mill property. Peter said that CLIO can be used to provide trail information — such as for specified points of interest along the trail — in a user friendly manner to one's cell phone over the internet and at no charge. Peter said that work would be done in due course to prepare the written text for each point of interest now identified on the Saul Preserve trail map, with a plan then to make this text available through CLIO.

Peter was thanked for all of his continuing work and efforts on these matters.

Update on the Annual Native Plant Sale scheduled for April 15:

Cindy reported that everything was organized and ready to go, including the selection and ordering of all plants. Cindy said that the sale would take place from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Roger will be giving his annual nature walk in the Saul Preserve starting at 11:00 am. Cindy (and all volunteers working with her) were thanked for all of their work in this year's plant sale.

Update on efficacy of the Borough's current single stream recycling program:

Leonard reported briefly on the in-person tour of Total Recycling that took place on March 1 in which he, Dave Firn, Dannielle Ruttenberg, and one other person participated on behalf of Rose Valley Borough. In sum, Leonard said that he and all who attended the tour were impressed with the organization and operation of the facility and that all agreed based on direct observation and on information provided by the Plant Manager, that the vast majority of delivered materials were in fact being recycled. Important points of interest included the following:

- No bagging of any recycled materials — all plastic garbage or other bags with things inside are diverted directly and irrevocably to “trash” by our recycler.
- All plastic beverage containers must be empty; all bottle caps should be removed and placed into residential trash.
- Lined cardboard containers — such as half gallon milk containers — ARE recyclable if empty (all plastic caps should be removed and placed in residential trash).
- Small (!!!) and empty (!!!) plastic bags and small (!!!) and empty (!!!) bags made with metallic or other film are all recyclable at this time with our current recycler (Total Recycling).
- Pizza boxes without grease ARE recyclable; pizza box lids without grease may be removed and then recycled; greasy cardboard should NOT be recycled.

Update and discussion on The Next 100:

Katie reported on the waste management community forum that took place on the evening of March 14 at The School in Rose Valley. The event was well attended and included discussion about the following:

- The Borough's current single stream recycling (see comments above)
- The availability of a community compost drop-off site that is now available at The School in Rose Valley
- Waste reduction

- Safe disposal of hazardous waste

Katie was thanked for all of her efforts in furtherance of The Next 100 initiative.

Update on Social Media and Borough Website Policy (and on EAC information now available on the Borough website):

Deferred.

Proposal for a new bench in the Saul Preserve made from a fallen walnut tree in the Preserve):

This proposal was discussed at some length. There was enthusiasm for the crafting of such a bench, but some concerns were expressed about where any such new bench should be located, including whether any new bench should be placed inside the Saul Preserve. Following discussion the matter was scheduled for further discussion at the next EAC meeting.

Calendar of EAC Events and tasks for 2023 (including knotweed management):

After discussion, Roger moved and Byron seconded, a motion that the EAC hire David Hilbert to treat the knotweed in the Long Point area of the Chadwick Preserve with Triclopyr this Spring. The motion passed unanimously.

Old and New Business:

Dave shared that the Chester Ridley Crum (“CRC”) Watersheds Association would be holding an event at The Old Mill on the evening of April 20.

Adjourn:

Cindy moved and Bryon seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Busby,
Acting Secretary