

Rose Valley Borough Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 02/25/2020

Time: 7:30-9:00

Location: Borough Office

Attendees (Members):

Leonard Busby (acting chair)

Ron Ploeg

Margery Howe

Chris Bourke

Borough Council EAC Representative:

Dave Firn

Associate Members:

Katie Rubin

Mario Bacchia

Rose Valley Residents (Long Point):

Carl and Julie Breithaupt

Janet and John Bayach

Barbara Bacchia

Joyce Malamut

David and Julie Shaw

Fritz Blanchette

Pennsylvania Game Commission : Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officer Mark McAlpine

Notes:

1. Minutes from the October 22, 2019 minutes were revised (with the addition of Ron Ploeg in attendance) and were approved and attached with this email. Minutes from the November 26, 2019 meeting were approved.
2. New Associate members Bacchia and Rubin were welcomed. Sign in sheet was distributed for recording of resident attendees and Officer McAlpine.
3. Cull results were discussed. Two deer were taken in two locations. Contractors report was read. Cull was suspended for the time being due to contractors cost of travel and fewer

number of deer culled than expected. Broad ranging discussion regarding previous justification and effectiveness ensued. Long Point residents requested a one year hiatus for hunts in Long Point until further study of deer impact, density and appropriate strategies can be devised with community input. The response from attending members was to approve the request. Ongoing communication to hunters regarding valid hunts within the Borough needs to be addressed

4. "Upon motion made, duly seconded and approved unanimously it was resolved that the EAC recommends to the Borough Council that there be no public hunting in the Long Point (Chadwick) Preserve during the 2020-2021 season hunting season: this would, in turn, also preclude eligibility to apply for any cull in the Long Point Preserve during or immediately after the 2020-2021 public hunting season".
5. Officer Mc Alpine advised the group on his interpretations of several of the alternatives within the cull/ hunt discussion.
6. The discussion of both pesticide and herbicide spraying was raised. Issues of notice to residents, effect on the validity of the spraying on the exclosure study, purpose and frequency of the spraying was discussed. Leonard committed to attempt to provide information on this going forward. The members of the committee unanimously agreed to develop methods to inform residents of chemical spraying which may include posting bulletin boards at the entrance of the preserves.
7. "Upon motion made, duly seconded and approved unanimously it was resolved that the EAC will give notice to Borough residents in advance of any future chemical treatments in Borough Preserves."

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Bourke