

Paradise EAC

Minutes

March 11, 2010 meeting

Present: Michael Flood, Paul Reisch, Edie Steven, Carol Hillestad, Cheryl Phillips, Don Miller

Planning Commission items

Cingular Tower. Planning Commission recommended approval of this Land Development Plan, including granting a number of waivers. One waiver is to not require an Existing Resources & Site Analysis Plan be done for this application. Without an ERSAP, the best location for the access road cannot be determined. Another waiver is to not require a survey, which also concerns us, because the tower is located at the “waist” of the property, so it is unclear as to whether there is enough property at that point to meet required property line setbacks.

Mt. Airy Overflow Parking. Instead of surrounding the detention basin with a chainlink fence, we would prefer to see a three-rail split rail with wire backing, along with “green screening” with native shrubs, vines & plants for landscaping.

Carol will draft letters making these recommendations to the BOS, cc'ing the PC.

Mt. Airy Greenway Monitoring Report will be reviewed at a work session at the Township on March 16 at 5:00 p.m. The 2009 report was emailed and distributed to EAC members.

Clean Up Michael will coordinate a clean up of Carlton Road for late April, has asked for help from Litter Control on other roads in the Twp, and wants to recruit additional volunteers to help with this very visual project.

Greenspring Michael and Edie attended a workshop on Act 537 issues. As the result of a lawsuit, and EHB decision, DEP cannot approve any amendments to municipal Act 537 plans (planning modules) without an Antidegradation Analysis, which includes an Alternatives Analysis, which Greenspring has not done. Also, the proposed sewage plan for Greensprings, (Conditional Use application and Act 537 amendment) currently being reviewed by the BOS is in an impaired watershed (Forest Hills Run) and additional restrictions may be placed in discharges in the watershed.

Carol will draft a letter to the BOS advising that at a minimum, Greenspring should be required to provide an Antidegradation Analysis. The Greenspring hearing will continue on March 31, with a 3-hour limit.

Forest Management Plan Don presented maps which he will forward to Dick Cary to get a price for developing a plan for Nothstein and Knauf properties so we can present this suggestion to the BOS.

Open Space Inventory & Access Proposal from Don Miller - Carol will draft a letter from the EAC supporting the need for this. Don will send the proposal itself. Edie reported that a volunteer from BWA will walk trails with Don to map GPS points on the trails using BWA's Trimble backpack GPS unit.

ZHB Mt Airy Sign Permit Zoning Hearing Board will make its decision re the permit appeal on March 23.

Environment tab on website Edie suggests asking Elaine to give the Open Space brochure copy and the map as separate documents with a downloadable version of the entire brochure.