

<p>Carroll County ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES Robyn Gilden, Chair Kim Petry, Vice Chair Tuesday, November 9, 2010, @ 6:30 p.m. Room 003/004, Carroll County Office Building (COB)</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Cynthia M. Parr Deputy Chief of Staff 225 N Center Street, Room 300 Westminster, MD 21157-5194 Telephone: 410-386-2232 Fax: 410-386-2485 cparr@ccg.carr.org</p>
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Members Present:

Karen Merkle
Kim Petry
Dan Andrews
Sandy Zebal
Chris Spaur
David Pyatt
Brian Rhoten

Members Absent:

Robyn Gilden
Cindy Parr, Advisor
County Government:
Terri Jones, Deputy County Attorney
Cindy Myers-Crumbacker, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER – Robyn Gilden was absent from the meeting this month so Ms. Kim Petry, Vice Chair called the November 9, 2010, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **Motion 119-10** to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2010 meeting was made by Brian Rhoten and seconded by Dan Andrews. The motion carried and was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS – No communications were received this month.

PRESENTATIONS-

1. Jonathan Bowman – County Forest Conservation Specialist

Jonathan came to answer questions the committee had about tree planting in the county. The question was asked if there were any grants to plant trees in the county. The Resource Management office is looking at opportunities for stream buffer planting grants. This is still in the development stages. A brochure is being put together to give information about any grants or money available through programs for tree plantings.

Jonathan commented that a citizen had willed \$20,000.00 to plant trees at Piney Run Park and this was done. The consensus of the group was to support the efforts of the Resource Management office in getting information out to citizens regarding any money available for tree plantings.

TREE COMMISSION –

The first tree committee meeting was held November 3 at 10:00 in Room 205 of the County Office Building. Monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month will be held in the same room.

Discussion was held regarding notification of adjacent property owners when work is being done next to their property. There is a Community Mediation Center at the Carroll Community College.

It was suggested to check out Prince George’s County ordinance as well as North Carolina and Georgia’s programs. We do not have any regulations concerning leaf collection, etc.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Neil Ridgely, Sustainability Coordinator – Energy Saver Loan Program

Mr. Ridgely gave the council an update on the program for low-cost loans available to home owners that would help increase a home's energy efficiency and lower utility bills. Money is in the bank. Farmers and Merchant's is the bank being used. There are 27 interested participants with most of the interest in Geo-Thermal and Solar.

2. Work Session -

The work session was held to review recommendations that were made as previous topics suggested for future meetings. There was a consensus that these recommendations should be brought to the new Commissioners. Dave Pyatt suggested using one of these topics a month for the presentation. After some discussion, it was decided that Karen Merkle, Dan Andrews, Dave Pyatt and Brian Rhoten would work on a topic for the January meeting.

3. Dan Andrews, Waste Not Carroll –

Dan gave an update on the Maryland Wine Festival (see attachment). A meeting with the Farm Museum Director, Dottie Freeman, Bureau Chief of the Department of Recreation and Parks, Jeff Degitz and Waste Not Carroll representatives will be held to discuss the success of this year. A goal in the future is to phase out the use of styrofoam.

NEW BUSINESS-

1. Nominations for a new Chairperson are being requested with voting to be held at the January meeting. Robyn Gilden, the current chair person, will help the new person get acquainted with the group.
2. Karen Merkle told the group that she had attended a ceremony at Sunnyside Farm in Carroll County. It was a dedication for the largest solar grant issued. She invited tour groups to come to the farm.
3. The next meeting will be held January 11 at 3:00 in the afternoon in Room 003.

<p><u>ADJOURN: MOTION NO. 118-10:</u> Motion made by Dave Pyatt, seconded by Brian Rhoten to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.</p>

Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend