



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION MINUTES March 1, 2017

Members Present

Peter Heim
Donald Howard

Melissa Short

Billy Wilson
Eddie Dingler-Town Board
Craig Culberson; Staff Liaison

Members absent

John Costello

Jeremy Rose

Jakob Skowronski

Meeting started at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes next month.

Update from Will Wiebking on his Eagle Scout project at Mooresville Golf Course. A location has been chosen for the project. Along the edge of the golf course at hole number 15. Will has met with Todd Letterer, golf course superintendent, and staked out a location. About 800 square feet, with adequate sunlight and in a location, that will be reached by the sprinkler system. Golf staff will take out grass and prepare site. Combination of larger and smaller plants to have early establishment and also to let new plants mature. Plant cost should be around \$400. Intend to plant in April. Will need to provide some soil additives. Signage and supplies for the project. LNWC is funding half of the project. Will is requesting that the EPC fund the remaining half which is \$1095. NC highway butterfly director is coordinating plants. Gene Vaughn will notify Duke Energy as to the location of the garden so that they will not spray the garden when working on their right of ways.

Gene mentioned that this may be the first of several gardens to be located at the golf course. There are several locations that may be conducive to butterfly gardens as well. This project could be opened up to other groups as well. The golf course personnel may have other locations that as yet have not been reviewed.

Gene Vaughn mentioned that the NCWF can provide the signage for the gardens. Also, Duke Energy can locate the GPS coordinates to make sure that area is not mown or sprayed.

Signs need to match general sign layout of the golf course signage. The signs need to be approved by the golf course and town. Would it be possible for the towns sign shop to make the signage for the project?

Gene commented on how easy Todd Letterer had been to work with on the project. The golf course has worked with Gene Vaughn on some other projects as well over the years. Have the logistics of the location been discussed with golf course staff about getting volunteers and materials to the site. Can the garden be accessed from NC 115 as opposed to coming through the golf course? Have options to use the Duke easement for offloading of people and materials close to the site? It will be important to get workers and materials to the site without impeding the golf course activities.

The Eagle Board has approved the project. Since there is not a quorum, Craig will send out an email asking for a motion and second and vote to fund up to half of the project for a total of \$1095. Town would need a PO or invoice in order to process a check for the funding. LNWC can make the purchase of the materials and then get a reimbursement from the town for the agreed to portion of the project.

It may be difficult to breakdown for an exact cost. Signage question was asked again. Need to follow up on what the sign needs to look like. Craig and Gene to follow up.

Tree City certification has been received. Need to set out the plans for the location for the Arbor Day celebration. Craig will reach out to Rocky River Elementary about having the Arbor Day Celebration. Can donate a tree and possibly a butterfly garden if the school wishes to do so.

Solar RFP. Essentially complete. RFP will be sent out and returned on March 27. Once they are received, the EPC can review the proposals at the April 5 meeting. Once the costs are determined, Eddie can go to the board and seek funding for the project. If the board approves funding for the project, the Low bidder can be contacted about the project.

Eddie has talked in general terms with some of the commissioners about the project. A question was raised about Greenworks about a proposal for battery powered maintenance equipment for the park. There was a proposal to provide electrical powered equipment at the golf course but it was not feasible. The proposal would be for maintenance equipment such as mowers, weed eaters, etc.

Peter elaborated on the contents of the RFP document and the contacts for the companies to send them out to. There are 4 companies that the RFP will be sent to.

RFPs will be sent out by staff next week.

If the number comes in that is amenable to the board, a more formal presentation may be made to the board by the EPC.

Would stadium lighting be a part of the project? IT could be discussed as a part of the project submission to determine any potential cost savings.

Motion to adjourn.

Billy Motion, Second everyone else. 7:26 pm