

## Environmental Advisory Council

March 21, 2017

Present: Sally Duffy, Dale Price, Patti O'Keefe

Absent: Darryl Speicher, Bill Pipolo

Discussion was held on the proposed signage and access road to Ice Lake Nature Preserve. It was our understanding that the emergency access road was put in for fire truck access only. The Council questioned whether this road requires a Penn Dot access permit. In addition, there is concern for the parking area being positioned at this location. The original Master Site Plan listed access to Ice Lake from the parking area at Seven Pines Park.

A brochure for existing parks is in the works. It will be presented to the Supervisors, and hopefully funding will be provided. The EAC is also looking into grant money for these trail maps.

As part of the Greenway plan, discussion was held on connecting Chestnut Mountain, Spruce Lake Retreat and the Gravel and Mt. Wismer properties.

As part of the recommendation for Management of Open Space properties, an article was presented from PA Township News on: Growing Wild, Converting turf areas to meadow benefits the budget and the environment. This article discussed the value both environmental, but also saving staff time and money. The EAC would appreciate a meeting to discuss future maintenance plans for the Township parks.

Next meeting is May 16, 2017