

Calvert County Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2019

- Members Present:** Ron Klauda, Jane Dodds, Mike O’Donnell, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Craig Simmons, Chris Roettgen
- Members Absent:** Patty Long-Bradley, Holly Budd, Shelby Cross, Carys Mitchelmore
- Staff:** Will Hager; Scarlett Oller; Jesse Clark
- Guests/Liaisons:** Karyn Molines

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Guest Speaker Program:** Karyn Molines, Division Chief of Calvert County Department of Natural Resources, discussed the impact of deer on humans and natural environments, including tick-borne diseases, monetary damages, and ecological damages.
- III. Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Roettgen motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner O’Donnell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Klauda suggested a “members absent” section be added to all minutes from September 2019 onward. Commissioner O’Donnell motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Dodds seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business:

- a. Action Items from 9/30 Meeting — Will Hager reported P&Z Director Mark Willis is reviewing the Radon FAQs. Scarlett Oller agreed to provide Commissioner Dodds with a copy of the letter used to raise funds for the Pump for the Bay contest in previous years.
- b. Calvert County Transportation Plan — Chris Roettgen agreed to compile EC comments on the Transportation Plan and outlined two ideas he would like to add to the plan: flex/remote shared office space and an ad campaign to promote carpooling.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. FAQs — Will Hager reported the Radon FAQ’s should be posted on the website soon.
- b. Public Education/Outreach — Commissioner Dodds reported PRAD was well attended. Commissioner Simmons agreed to ask Commissioner Mitchelmore for help stabilizing the display from wind. Scarlett Oller agreed to make more copies of the brochure for Commissioner Dodds.

- c. Public Guest Speaker Program — Commissioner Klauda urged the EC to brainstorm guest speaker topics and to recruit guest speakers.
- d. Sustainability — There were no updates to report.

VII. New Business:

- a. General Announcements — Commissioner Dodds reported the BOCC had approved legislation to ban smoking at Calvert County parks. Commissioner Klauda outlined a letter to be sent to Commissioner Budd and asked for the EC's feedback. Commissioner Klauda notified the EC of upcoming Town Center Master Plan rewrite projects and said the comment process would be the same as it was for the Comprehensive Plan.
- b. Upcoming Events — The next meeting will be on November 25, 2019. Commissioner Dodds reminded the EC of the upcoming STEM fair in February or March of 2020.

VIII. Public Comment:

- a. There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment:

- a. Commissioner Simmons motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dodds seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.