

Calvert County Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes – November 25, 2019

Members Present: Ron Klauda, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Mike O'Donnell, Jim Levin, Patty Long-Bradley, Craig Simmons, Jane Dodds, Carys Mitchelmore

Members Absent: Holly Budd, Shelby Cross, Chris Roettgen

Staff: Will Hager; Scarlett Oller

Guests/Liaisons: Kerry Wixted, Sheila Stevens

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Guest Speaker Program:** Kerry Wixted of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources discussed rare, threatened, and endangered species living in Calvert County and methods of preservation.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Simmons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Phillips-Lewis motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Dodds seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Purchasing —The group reviewed a memo from Planning and Zoning detailing procedures for purchasing in the future.
 - b. Calvert County Transportation Plan — Commissioner Levin reported he had sent comments to Commissioner Roettgen. Commissioner O'Donnell agreed to forward his own comments to Commissioner Roettgen.
 - c. Radon Letter/Ordinance —Will Hager reported Director Willis would forward the radon letter to the Board of County Commissioners.
 - d. Dominion Tour —Scarlett Oller agreed to send the Commission a survey to gather availability data to coordinate a tour schedule with Dominion and with Community and Media Relations.
- VI. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - a. FAQs — Will Hager reported the Radon FAQs have been posted. Commissioners Long-Bradley and Cross reported no progress on the Recycling and Injured Wildlife FAQs

respectively. Commissioner Klauda nominated Commissioner Levin for membership on the FAQ subcommittee. Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to approve the nomination, Commissioner O'Donnell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Public Education/Outreach — Commissioner Mitchelmore recommended the Commission purchase a new banner and display board. Commissioner Dodds suggested the Commissioner solicit prizes for the Pump for the Bay contest from Parks and Recreation and from local businesses such as Dream Weaver and Chesapeake Bounty. Commissioner Dodds said the deadline for submitting an application for the upcoming STEM expo was January 19.
- c. Public Guest Speaker Program — Commissioner Klauda discussed a potential speaker he had met from the Sierra Club. Commissioner Phillips-Lewis discussed the possibility of recruiting a guest speaker to speak on the subject of meadows. Commissioner Mitchelmore discussed the possibility of a talk on reducing pesticides. Scarlett Oller and Will Hager agreed to research the possibility of giving honorariums to speakers.
- d. Sustainability — This topic was tabled.

VII. New Business:

- a. General Announcements — Commissioner Long-Bradley reported giving her application for re-appointment to Will Hager.
- b. Upcoming Events — The next meeting will be on December 16, 2019. Commissioner Dodds reminded the EC of the upcoming STEM fair on February 22, 2020.

VIII. Public Comment:

- a. There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment:

- a. Commissioner Simmons motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.