

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council  
Meeting minutes from December 5, 2016

Call to Order: Chair Najarian called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Attendance: Council members present were Mike Najarian, Fred Folmer, Daphne Meyer, Ken Norton and Marthe Olesh. There were no other persons in attendance

Approval of minutes: Norton made a motion to approve the minutes from November 7, 2016 as submitted. Olesh seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Chesapeake Bay Drainage Awareness: Folmer submitted an initial draft of the request for approval to be made to the Supervisors for permission to identify and mark township storm drains and other infrastructure as being part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. After minor wording changes suggested by Council, it was consensually agreed to submit the request to the Supervisors in January 2017 after their reorganizational meeting. Najarian distributed a news article from the November 25, 2016 edition of the Reading Eagle highlighting a similar project in downtown Reading pertaining to the Schuylkill River Watershed.

Recreation Board/ DCNR Grant: There was no new information.

Municipal Building Wetland: There was no new information.

State of the Environment: Najarian and Folmer reported on Berks Nature's annual State of the Environment Breakfast they had attended on November 10, 2016 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Reading. They shared excerpts from the addressed theme of "Sustainability" and distributed printed materials pertaining to that topic.

Junk Fair: Meyer volunteered to act as the liaison between Council and the Bethel Elementary School for their annual Junk Fair.

Earth Day 2017: There was no new planning.

New Business:

2017 Meeting Dates: Council reviewed and then concurred with the list of 2017 meeting dates provided by the Township Secretary. The dates established were January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 11, October 2, November 6 and December 4.

Ongoing Tabled Business: There were no reports.

Adjournment: At 8:05 p.m. Meyer made a motion to adjourn. Folmer seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)