

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting minutes from July 10, 2017

Call to Order: Secretary Folmer called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Attendance: Council members present were Fred Folmer, Daphne Meyer and Marthe Olesh. Supervisor liaison Jake Meyer was also in attendance. There were no other persons present.

Approval of Minutes: D. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes from June 5, 2017 as submitted. Olesh seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Chesapeake Bay Drainage Awareness: Having used a prepared stencil, Folmer displayed a painted board with the phrase "Drains To Chesapeake Bay" so Council could visualize how the painted storm drains would appear when marked. No date was chosen to begin painting the infrastructure.

Municipal Building Wetland: Supervisor Meyer reported the surveyor had still not established the wetland boundaries. There was a discussion centering on contacting the surveyor by email to try to establish the date by which the boundaries will be delineated.

Recreation Board/Airport Road Property: There was no new report. Folmer indicated he would attend the next meeting of the Rec Board on July 20, 2017.

New Business:

Development Plan Review: Council reviewed the plans submitted by North Point developers to construct a 1.1 million+ sq.ft. warehouse in the Berks 78 Park. There were no specific objections voiced by Council but only general concerns about the storm water runoff management due to the presence of wetlands on the site to be developed. After a D. Meyer motion and an Olesh second carried, Folmer volunteered to write up an EAC statement to that effect and officially advise the township supervisors accordingly.

2016 State of Kittatinny Report: Folmer reported to Council he had contacted Jeanne Ortiz of the Kittatinny Ridge Coalition pertaining to her request for information regarding Council's projects and activities for the year 2016 for her

report. He informed Council he would follow up with more information in addition to the already submitted details about the Water Quality Education Day, held in May of 2016, if she requests it.

Swatara Food & Brew Weekend: Folmer informed Council the Swatara Watershed Association had organized a “ Swatara Food & Brew Weekend” for July 14, 15 & 16, 2017. Sponsoring local restaurants pledged to donate at least 10% of the profits from sales of Swatara Creek themed food and drink menu items. He requested members to consider supporting the fund raising project if they might happen to be dining out on any of those dates and said he would send everyone an email identifying the participating establishments.

Ongoing Tabled Business: Folmer cited two recent newspaper articles which had been in the Lebanon Daily News. He read portions from After Dismal 2016, Shale Gas Drillers Begin to Turn a Corner from July 5, 2017 and Pipeline Crosses County Landscape from July 9, 2017.

Adjournment: At 8:25 p.m. D. Meyer made a motion to adjourn. Olesh seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)