

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting minutes from Monday, June 5, 2017

Call to order: Chair Najarian called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Attendance: Council members present were Mike Najarian, Fred Folmer, Daphne Meyer, Ken Norton and Marthe Olesh as was supervisor liaison Jake Meyer. Also in attendance from the Penn State Extension were Karen Wulkowicz, Master Watershed Steward Coordinator, and Mark Priebe, Master Watershed Steward. There were no other persons present.

Hearing of visitors: Wulkowicz and Priebe distributed printed materials and explained details about the Master Watershed Steward program. Medallions for the Chesapeake Bay Drainage Awareness project were also discussed. Council shared the results of its recent atrazine testing of the Little Swatara Creek as well as information about other recent activities and ongoing projects. Wulkowicz advised Council that educational workshops are provided as part of the Master Watershed Steward program.

Approval of minutes: Norton made a motion to approve the minutes from May 1, 2017 as submitted. Member Meyer seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Chesapeake Bay Drainage Awareness: By consensus it was decided to postpone all activity until the July, 2017 meeting.

Municipal Building Wetland: Supervisor Meyer reported the wetland boundaries have still to be established by the surveyor. He also informed Council the township could not put in the surrounding fill until those boundaries were marked. Therefore, until those steps are completed, no action could be taken.

Bethel Elementary School Junk Fair: Member Meyer reported the three category winners for each of the \$50.00 prizes were Lauren Bryant (Beauty), Peter Eckart (Functional) and Bryson Erb (practical).

Recreation Board/Airport Road Property: There was no report.

Atrazine testing: Folmer used a laptop computer to show Council the website map of the results of the recent atrazine testing done in the Susquehanna River

Basin throughout the state. It was happily noted in the several dozen of tests reported, there were only 3 which indicated the presence of atrazine.

New Business: There was no new business.

Ongoing Tabled Business: There were no reports.

Adjournment: At 8:26 p.m. Folmer made a motion to adjourn. Olesh seconded and the motion carried. Because the 2017 Independence Day holiday falls on the day after the first Monday of the month, the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)