

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting minutes from November 7, 2016

Call to order: Chair Najarian called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Approval of minutes: Norton made a motion to approve the minutes from October 3, 2016 as submitted. Olesh seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Chesapeake Bay Drainage Awareness: There was no new report.

Recreation Board: It was announced that the next Recreation Board meeting would be on Thursday, November 17, 2016.

Municipal Wetland: There was no new report.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR) grant: There was no new report.

Kittatinny Ridge Coalition Meeting: Olesh and Folmer gave a detailed report on the Kittatinny Ridge Coalition meeting which was held on November 3, 2016 at the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Education Building.

State of the Environment Breakfast: Najarian and Folmer reported they would be attending the Berks Nature's State of the Environment Breakfast on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Reading.

New Business:

Junk Fair: Folmer made a motion to support the Bethel Elementary's annual Junk Fair by providing a \$50.00 prize for the winner of each of the three categories. Najarian seconded and the motion carried.

Earth Day 2017: Najarian made a motion to commemorate Earth Day 2017 by having the annual Litter Pickup on April 22, 2017 with the rain date of April 29th. Folmer seconded and the motion carried.

MRD Lumber/ Dieffenbach Development Plan: Council reviewed the development plan submitted by MRD Lumber & Dieffenbach Potato Chip Company for the area near the intersection of Old Route 22 and Midway Road. Members had questions concerning the water runoff/impoundment and the encroachment upon the Little Swatara Creek. By consensus, Council decided to examine the plan further at the December meeting with one of the township Supervisors if possible.

Ongoing Tabled Business: There was nothing reported.

Adjournment: At 8:15 Folmer made a motion to adjourn. Norton seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)