

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting minutes from October 2, 2017

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Member Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes from September 9, 2017 as submitted. Olesh seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Chesapeake Bay Drainage Awareness: There was no new report or further action.

Municipal Building Wetland: There was no new report.

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

North Point Development: Supervisor Meyer reported that the EAC's position paper re the North Point Development in the Berks Park 78 had been submitted by the Planning Commission to the Township Supervisors and Engineer for their review and consideration.

New Business:

Dead/Dying Chestnut Oak Trees: Najarian and Folmer both reported they have observed an unusually high mortality rate of chestnut oak trees, compared to other species, on their and surrounding properties. Najarian volunteered to contact the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to inquire as to whether this is a widespread phenomenon and, if so, what might be the possible cause(s).

Ongoing Tabled Business:

Folmer referenced the following articles from the Lebanon Daily News: "Regulators Take Step to Ban Fracking near Delaware River" from September

14, 2017 and “Scientists: Ash Tree Species Near Brink of Extinction” from September 15, 2017.

Adjournment: At 7:32 p.m. Folmer made a motion to adjourn. Norton seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)