

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council  
Meeting minutes from November 5, 2018

Call to Order: Chair Najarian called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Approval of minutes: Najarian made a motion to approve the minutes from October 1, 2018 as submitted. Olesh seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Chesapeake Bay Drainage Awareness: There was no new report.

Municipal Building Wetland: There was no new report.

Recreation Board/Airport Road Property: Folmer reported he attended a special meeting of the Rec Bd and the Township Engineer Gary Kraft on October 15, 2018. As per Rec Bd request, Kraft submitted a detailed plan for the initial development of the Airport Road property. The drawing specified particulars such as elevations, a water retention area, locations to be excavated for a parking lot, tot lot & a pavilion, and the placement of the erosion control barriers. Kraft also gave verbal details about permits needed and ground clearing procedures. It was the Rec Bd's intent to use the detailed plan along with a cover sheet with other information to procure contractor bids. Additionally, Folmer reported he attended the Rec Bd's regular scheduled meeting on October 18, 2018 wherein they began compiling the items to be included on the cover sheet. They also composed a list of other questions to be asked of Kraft.

Spotted Lanternfly (SPLF): Several members reported, for the first time ever, they observed splf on their properties in October. Folmer shared two news articles from the Reading Eagle: "Bagging Insects for Insight" from October 10, 2018 and "List Requested to Aid in Lanternfly Fight" from October 12, 2018.

Berks County Environmental Organization Network (BCEON): Olesh and Folmer reported they attended the BCEON meeting at the Angelica Park Nature Place on October 23, 2018. It began with an information update about Chronic Wasting Disease in deer by PA Game Commission Wildlife Conservation Officer, for western Berks County, Tom Kline. He ended his presentation with a Q & A session. Following that, representatives from 13 environmental organization and entities shared information about projects in which they were engaged during the past year. A

common element for some of the groups was how the higher than average rainfall had affected their activities.

**New Business:**

**State of the Environment:** Najarian informed Council he would be attending Berks Nature's State of the Environment breakfast meeting at the Crowne Plaza in Wyomissing on November 8, 2018.

**Regional EAC Meeting:** Folmer shared details about the upcoming Regional EAC Networking meeting to be held in the Bethel Township Municipal Building on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Although hosted by the Bethel Twp EAC, it was organized by Brooks Mountcastle from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. He invited 12 EACs and other organizations to attend and share their successes, as well as their challenges, for the past year.

**Ongoing Tabled Business:** There was none.

**Adjournment:** At 8:10 p.m. Folmer made a motion to adjourn. D. Meyer seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)