

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting minutes from December 3, 2018

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: Olesh made a motion to approve the minutes from November 5, 2018 as submitted. Najarian 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 informed Council the Rec Bd meeting on November 15, 2019 was cancelled due to inclement weather and there was no new information to report.

Spotted lanternfly: In an informal poll, Olesh reported seeing only 1 splf egg mass on her property while all the other members reported not seeing any egg masses on their properties.

Regional EAC meeting: It was reported that of the eleven entities invited to the November 14, 2018 meeting, the following organizations (with the respective # of representatives) attended: Albany Twp (6), Bethel Twp (5), West Reading (1), Berks Nature (1) and Hawk Mountain (1). Meeting facilitator, Brooks Mountcastle from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, conducted a sharing of the groups' past accomplishments, challenges and possible 2019 projects. Council then had a brief discussion about the possibility of developing a recycling program for Bethel Twp in 2019. Folmer then volunteered to contact nearby townships with current programs to gather information about the costs and operation of those programs.

State of the Environment: Najarian reported he attended the 10th Annual State of the Environment breakfast meeting at the Crowne Plaza in Wyomissing on November 8, 2018. He distributed the printed 67 page report booklet which contained, among much other information, the Summary of Indicators of the environmental status of the Water, Energy, Air, Waste and Land in Berks County. He also distributed a large, fold-out map showing all the watersheds in Berks County. The map also contained much other information about water and water resources.

New Business:

2019 Litter Pickup: Folmer made a motion that the EAC sponsor its annual litter pickup on Saturday, April 13, 2019 with the possible rain date of April 20th. Najarian seconded and the motion carried.

2019 Junk Fair: D. Meyer made a motion that the EAC sponsor the three \$50.00 winners' prizes for the Bethel Elementary School's 2019 Junk Fair should it be held. Norton seconded and the motion carried. Folmer volunteered to be the liaison between the EAC and the school.

2019 Meeting Dates: Council reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2019. On a motion by Najarian and a second by Folmer, the dates of January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4 and December 2 were voted to be the EAC's official meeting dates.

Ongoing Tabled Business: There was none.

Adjournment: At 8:15 p.m. Norton made a motion to adjourn. Folmer seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)