

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting minutes from March 4, 2019

Call to order: Chair Najarian called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

Approval of minutes: Najarian made a motion to approve the minutes from February 4, 2019 as submitted. Olesh seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Chesapeake Bay Drainage Awareness: There was no new business.

Municipal Building Wetland: There was no new business.

Recreation Board/Airport Road Property: Folmer reported that the Rec Bd. held its second workday at the Airport Road property on Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Six persons cleared brush and small trees and fed the cuttings through a rented, large commercial wood chipper clearing about one-third to one-half acre in the process. He informed Council that the next workday was planned for Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Land Conservation: There was no new business.

Earth Day Litter Pickup: Najarian distributed an assignment checklist with the details to be addressed in preparation for the pickup on Saturday, April 13th, 2019. Members then volunteered for the various responsibilities.

Junk Fair: Folmer informed Council he contacted the teacher who had conducted the Bethel Elementary School's Junk Fair in 2018. He reported that she was not the coordinator for 2019 but would pass along the message to the teacher who is assigned for this year.

New Business: There was no new business.

Ongoing Tabled Business:

Spotted Lanternfly: Folmer shared a Reading Eagle article from March 1st, 2019 entitled "Little Sap Sucker an Enemy of the State: Pennsylvania Refines Its Strategy to Eradicate the Relentless Pest."

Marcellus Shale/Pipelines: Folmer cited two articles from the Reading Eagle ... "PA Permits Halted for Texas-Based Pipeline Company: Energy Transfer's Projects Include Mariner East 1, 2, & 2X (from February 9th, 2019); and "Mariner East Target of Possible Legal Action" (from March 1st, 2019).

Recycling: Folmer detailed a Reading Eagle article from February 23rd, 2019 entitled "Exeter Facility Could Revolutionize Recycling: J.P. Mascaro & Sons Plant Will Be First in Nation to Accept Flexible Plastic Packaging."

Adjournment: At 8:15 p.m. Folmer made a motion to adjourn. Najarian seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 1st, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)