

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting minutes from April 1, 2019

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, Ken Norton and Marthe Olesh. Supervisor liaison Jake Meyer was also present. There were no other persons in attendance.

Approval of minutes: Norton made a motion to approve the minutes from March 4, 2019 as submitted. D. Meyer 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 the Rec. Bd. meeting on March 21, 2019 at which time they announced they were expecting to open bids on April 15th for the initial work on the Airport Road property. Supervisor Meyer then informed Council the bid opening was moved back to May 20th. Additionally the Rec. Bd. set its fourth workday at the property for Saturday, May 4th from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Folmer also informed Council that at the work day on March 23rd, six persons worked from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon cutting down & chipping small trees and brush and cleared about another one-third of an acre.

Land Conservation: There was no new report.

Earth Day Litter Pickup: A final check of all the job assignments was made. Folmer then read statistics from a brochure, put out by *Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful*, compiled from litter pickups throughout the state since 1990.

Junk Fair: Folmer reported that the coordinator for the Bethel Elementary School's 2019 Junk Fair is Mrs. Denise Dodge and that the student projects will be on display during the week of April 8th through 12th. He also informed Council the township office mailed the \$150.00 check for the winners (3 @ \$50.00) on or about March 30th.

New Business: There was no new business.

Ongoing Tabled Business:

Spotted Lanternfly: Folmer shared a *Reading Eagle* news article from Saturday, March 16, 2019 entitled " Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Extended to Dauphin County."

Meyer informed Council that the March, 2019 edition of a publication from the PA Farm Bureau stated that the "tree of heaven" (*Ailanthus altissima*), which is a highly preferred tree of the spotted lanternfly, is about to be officially designated as a "noxious weed." That designation would imply it may be eradicated in any location, including PA state parks, forests and gamelands, with no fine or penalty.

Marcellus Shale/Pipelines: Folmer cited two news articles from the *Reading Eagle*: "PA Attorney General Opens Probe into Mariner East 2 Pipeline (from Wednesday, March 13, 2019); and "State Investigating after Reports of Possible Berks Pipeline Leak" (from Tuesday, March 19, 2019).

Adjournment: At 7:46 p.m. Folmer made a motion to adjourn. Norton seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)