

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting minutes from May 6, 2019

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: D. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Olesh seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Chesapeake Bay Drainage Awareness: By mutual consent it was decided to continue the drainage infrastructure stenciling on Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Folmer volunteered to identify possible drains to be painted in the village of Shubert.

Municipal Building Wetland: Najarian volunteered to get at least 2 bids from surveyors to delineate the wetland boundaries.

Recreation Board/Airport Road Property: Folmer informed Council that the workday scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the property had been cancelled and that another one had not yet been set as of the meeting time. He also reported that bids for the initial excavation work were still expected to be received and opened by the end of May, 2019.

Land Conservation: There was no new report.

Earth Day Litter Pickup: Folmer reported that on Saturday, April 13, 2019, 79 bags of litter, 2 large truck tires and miscellaneous other large items were picked up and removed from the four ramps at the intersection of Interstate 78 and PA Route 645. That was accomplished by the five members of the EAC with the much appreciated assistance of the following township resident volunteers: Brandi & Hayli Mays, Wes, Lincoln & Fenton Good, Bonnie & Randy Behney, Ken Coots, Jim Olesh and Jake Meyer.

Bethel Elementary School Junk Fair: Folmer reported that the three winners of the \$50.00 prizes at the school's annual Junk Fair were: Beauty category - Melissa Castaneda-Gonzalez for her "Clay Pikachu"; Practical Use category - Dalton Spencer for his "Stationary Bicycle"; and Functional category - Emily Dougherty for her "Soda Can Airplane Weathervane."

New Business: There was no new business.

Ongoing Tabled Business:

Spotted Lanternfly: Folmer shared the following news articles from the *Reading Eagle*: "In a Scrape With a Scourge" (Tuesday, April 9, 2019); "Spotted Lanternfly Egg Hatching Confirmed in Berks" (Saturday, April 27, 2019); and "Fearsome Fungi: Horde of Dead Lanternflies on Berks Farm Bolsters Researchers" (Sunday, May 5, 2019).

Marcellus Shale/Pipelines: Folmer cited the following news articles from the *Reading Eagle*: "Operator of Pipeline Agrees to \$200,000 Fine" (Thursday, April 4, 2019); and "Sunoco Plans to Restart Mariner East 1 Pipeline Today" (Monday, April 22, 2019).

Adjournment: At 8:05 p.m. Folmer made a motion to adjourn. Norton seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)