

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting minutes from September 9, 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 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 from August 5, 2019 as submitted. Najarian seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Municipal Building Wetland: There was no new report.

Recreation Board/Airport Road Property: Folmer informed Council he planned to attend the Rec Board's upcoming meeting on September 19, 2019.

New Business:

Killing *Ailanthus altissima*: Najarian shared information from the Penn State Extension Service about a technique described as "hack & slash" to kill the *Ailanthus altissima* tree, a.k.a. the "tree of heaven". Herbicides containing glyphosate or triclopyr were recommended. Folmer shared an article from the *Reading Eagle's* supplement *Berks Country* from July 3, 2019 entitled "Farm Aims at Alternative to Kill Lanternfly Host Tree" wherein it was reported there has been some success killing the tree of heaven with Epsom salts.

Ongoing Tabled Business:

Spotted Lanternfly: Folmer shared a *Reading Eagle* article from August 27, 2019 entitled "Plotting to Kill a Pest: Summer Research at Penn State Berks Uses Fungus, Shows Progress".

Marcellus Shale/Gas Pipelines" Folmer cited two articles from the *Reading Eagle*: "Sunoco Fined \$313,000 for Pipeline Violations" (from August 30, 2019) and "Chester County Commissioners Establish Pipeline Board" (from August 31, 2019).

Adjournment: At 7:45 p.m. Folmer made a motion to adjourn. Najarian seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)