

# Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2020

Call to Order: Chair Najarian called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Attendance: Council Members present were Mike Najarian, Daphne Meyer and Marthe Olesh and Tamara Ritter. 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 the February 3, 2020 meeting as submitted. Ritter seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business: Municipal Wetland Report: There was no new report. Supervisor Meyer volunteered to contact the township engineer, Jeffrey Steckbeck to see where things stand concerning the wetlands delineation biologist he has on staff at his firm.

Recreation Board/Airport Road Property: There was no new report.

Litter Ordinance: Is still in the process of being worked on as far as fines and penalties. However, the Litter Enforcement Officer, Larry Schmehl, has visited the Samsung warehouse and the Valero gas station to give them a heads up concerning the upcoming litter ordinance. It was suggested to them that donations to local church youth groups, Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts could be given in exchange for their help in litter pickup. Also, picking up litter could be used as a community service project.

Litter Cleanup: the EAC determined to have its annual litter pickup day in celebration of Earth Day (its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary) on Saturday, April 18, 2020. We will meet at the Bethel Library Community Center at 9:00 a.m. and then proceed to either the 501 or 645 interchange of Interstate 78. This will be decided next meeting. Lunch will be at 12:00 back at the Community Center.

Duke Realty Service Project: Najarian volunteered to talk to Jayne concerning Duke's offer to help pick up trash in the community and to see if they would be available to help us on April 18.

### New Business

Najarian made a motion to give prize money of \$150 total to the 3 winners of the Junk Fair held by Bethel Elementary School. D. Meyer seconded and the motion carried. Ritter will check with the school as far as the dates and who the contact person is.

### Ongoing Tabled Business

Articles were shared on the following topics:

1. The state finalized Phase 3 of its Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP). Attention now turns to the 43 counties in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and how the strategies recommended in the WIP can best be achieved at the local level.
2. Pennsylvania's Purple Paint Law—stripes of purple paint on trees or fence posts (provided they meet certain guidelines) will carry the same legal weight as no trespassing signs. It took effect the last week of January.
3. A groundbreaking clinical study in Louisville, Kentucky seeking to quantify what effect, if any, trees and green space have on the health and wellbeing of more than 700 people over a five year span.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:43 p.m. by Najarian. Olesh seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Daphne Meyer, Secretary to Council)