

# Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes from May 3, 2021

Call to Order: Chair Najarian called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Attendance: Council Members present were Mike Najarian, Marthe Olesh, Daphne Meyer 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 April 5, 2021 meeting. Ritter seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Recreation Board/Airport Road Property: Some improvements on the trails have been made. Winter debris has been removed, small stumps on the path have been ground out, and holes have been filled in.

Municipal Building Wetlands: Najarian met and spoke with Scoutmaster Dave and the Eagle Scout who wants to undertake the project. There are other Eagle Scout candidates who are also interested. So possibly could continue yearly. Najarian will contact William Wall to see if he is still interested in tagging the trees to be saved. It was discussed how we might dispose of the debris. Rent a shredder? Order a dumpster?

Litter Ordinance: Still being reviewed by EAC members.

New Business: Highway cleanup: Maybe in the Fall after the growth dies down.

Ongoing Tabled Business: Spotted Lanternfly update: Pennsylvania now has a total of 34 counties in the quarantine zone. Researchers from Penn State are expecting another large hatch this year. Grape vines remain at high risk. Also hemp, hops, peach and raspberry. The first dog trained to sniff out egg masses—Lucky, a female German Shepherd—was trained at PennVet's Working Dog Center. She is the first dog in the nation trained to detect spotted lanternfly. The hope is that trained dogs can help inspect nurseries, greenhouses, vehicle fleets and log yards.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:27 pm by Ritter. D. Meyer seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Daphne Meyer, Secretary to Council)