

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2021

Call to Order: Chair Najarian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Council Members present were Mike Najarian, Marthe Olesh, Daphne Meyer and Tamara Ritter. Supervisor liaison Jake Meyer was also in attendance, as well as Sarah Chudnovsky, Land Protection Specialist from Berks Nature; Christian Jones Fisher Martinez, Eagle Scout Troop 411; Dave Omstead, Scoutmaster, Dr. Teresa Martinez and Jayne Seifrit, Township Secretary.

Approval of minutes: Olesh made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021 meeting. Ritter seconded and the motion carried.

Hearing of the Visitors:

Sarah Chudnovsky, Berks Nature, informed the EAC on 2 new land protection programs available. The NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program and the Mini-Grant Program 2021-2022. Bethel Township is eligible for both programs.

Christian Martinez, Eagle Scout, Troop 411, presented his outline for beginning to restore the Municipal Building Wetlands. He plans on beginning at the creek (drainage pipe) and working to the East. He has a deadline of October 16th, which is when he will turn 18. He had several questions including permitting (not needed); who would remove and/or pay for removal of big trees (EAC/township); the use of herbicides (consult with Sarah/Larry) and who would purchase them (EAC/township). Liaison Jake Meyer signed his application to present to the Scout Council.

Old Business:

Municipal Building Wetlands: Olesh suggested we might want to take soil samples and have them tested so we would know which plants would do well.

Recreation Board/Airport Road Property: A "Temporarily Closed" sign has been put up. According to Seifrit plans to start on the pavilion are in the works. She had no dates as of yet.

New Business: No new business.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:41 pm by Ritter. D. Meyer seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Daphne Meyer, Secretary to Council)