

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2023

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

Attendance: Council Members present were Mike Najarian, Daphne Meyer, Marthe Olesh and Jake Meyer. There was no one else in attendance.

Approval of minutes: Najarian made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023 meeting. J. Meyer seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Municipal Building Wetlands: Olesh visited the site and states that it needs work. It is full of invasive plants. A workday for May 7 at 09:30 has been scheduled.

Rec Board/Airport Road Property: No new report.

Spring Litter Cleanup: It is scheduled for April 23rd at 9:00 am. It was decided to pick up litter on the 645 ramps of I-78.

Solar Ordinance: Najarian asked to be put on the agenda for the Supervisors meeting to ask for approval to work on a solar ordinance. He has received no reply. He might attend the Planning Commission meeting which is next Tuesday (a week from now) and ask them.

New Business:

Solar Ordinance ??

Ongoing Tabled Business

D. Meyer shared an article on a unique restoration project in Pennsylvania's Cherry Valley Wildlife Refuge. For the first time woody materials were incorporated back into the creek rather than removing them. With more trees and branches available turtles and frogs can bask in the sun, birds can use them as stopover perches, fish can find more places to hide and spawn, while eroding streambanks are protected.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:34 by D. Meyer. Olesh seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7 pm in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Daphne Meyer, Secretary to Council)