

Paradise Township
Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes
August 16, 2023

Meeting called to order by M. Stein at 5:05 pm

Members Present: Stein, Paul Adamo, Don Miller, Antonio Purificato and Louise Troutman (guest)

Approval of minutes from June 21, 2023: Motion Miller, 2nd Adamo, approved unanimously.

Hawthorne Resort Conditional Use Hearing

- The Board of Supervisors approved the proposed development with an extensive list of conditions. These included conditions on stormwater control, wastewater management and potable well water impact on the watershed.

Paradise Township trails

- The summer intern at the Monroe County Planning Office is no longer available to assist with the project.
- Troutman noted that the all-yellow trail markers on every trail in the township are not helpful to hikers. Different trails and trail loops should be indicated by different colors. Troutman offered to help differentiate trail colors.
- Stein explained that the township has funds designated to update the trail maps. Stein will ask the board to update the trail maps.
- Miller offered to assist with natural feature identification.

ADA Accessible Trail at Knauf Preserve

- Hanover Engineering designed an accessible trail in the Knauf Preserve.
- Material has been ordered and road crew plan to complete it this season.

2022 Mt. Airy Greenway Report

- The greenway report has been delivered to Jason Smith. Jason provided his comments to the supervisors. The Board of Supervisors has not yet accepted the report so it is not yet available to the public.
- Stein to follow up with Hanover Engineering.

Mt. Airy Forest Regeneration Report

- The Board of Supervisors has received Mt. Airy's Forest Regeneration Report.
- Mt. Airy has indicated they are not planning to timber any other property at the current time.

Other Business

- There was discussion about the proposed development submitted for the former Ashover Motel property. Stein explained that there was a preliminary inquiry to construct six large STRs but the application has subsequently been withdrawn.

- Miller brought up the potential timbering being done on State Gamelands #221 on Devils Hole Rd. The exact details are unknown. Weight limits on township roads and bridges were discussed. Stein to follow up with Board of Supervisors to determine if the Township has been notified of any potential planned timbering on State Gameland property.
- Miller asked that a future meeting agenda contain discussion of a welcome information sheet for new residents of Paradise Township to include instructions on proper handling of solid waste (garbage cans) and potential problems with black bears in the township.

Adjournment at 6:10 pm: Motion Miller, 2nd Purificato, approved unanimously.