

PARADISE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Meeting via GOTOMEETING
JANUARY 20, 2021

Call to Order

Chair Gary Konrath called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Members Present

Konrath, Laura VanGilder, Edith Stevens

Guest - Joel Shilling

Reorganization

Konrath announced that he had been appointed chair for 2020 by the Board of Supervisors

Vice-Chair- Stevens moved to appoint Carol Hillestad Vice-Chair, motion passed.

Secretary - Konrath moved to appoint Edith Stevens Secretary, VanGilder seconded, motion passed.

Konrath stated the EAC will have regular meetings in 2021 at 5 pm on 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Paradise Township building. Meetings may be held virtually via GoToMeeting.

Discussion – trails for mountain bikes in Township parks and preserves. Konrath said that presently bikes are not allowed in township parks and preserves. Stevens suggested the Township consider allowing mountain bikes on a preserve and getting feedback from users on whether this should be an allowed use, whether bikes and people need separate trails and whether improved trails for mountain bikes should be developed. VanGilder said she thought mountain bikes and people can share trails in most cases, or, in some preserves a separate bike loop might be developed to increase enjoyment. She will gather information on multi-use trails and how they are managed for next EAC meeting. If allowing some additional uses on Township trails should prove desirable, the township might apply for DCNR grants for trail design and construction.

Gary will report to Supervisors that the EAC recommends trails at Paradise-Price Preserve be open to mountain bikes for a trial period. EAC members will ask bicyclists for their feedback and discuss further at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.