

PARADISE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2021
Paradise Township Municipal Building

Call to Order

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

Members Present

Konrath, Cheryl Phillips, Carol Hillestad, Edith Stevens

Minutes of the April 21 were approved – motion by Cheryl Phillips, second by Gary Konrath.

Gary announced that Laura Van Gilder has resigned. He is seeking recommendations to fill that seat.

Amendment to Paradise ordinances re sewage facilities? (Recent Public Notice in Pocono Record of public hearing date) – Gary's recollection is it is for definitions.

Barberry spraying in Paradise preserves- Gary will f/u to see if quotes have been received. Three companies were asked to provide prices.

Bicycle use in Paradise parks and preserves. Gary reported that BOS agreed, unanimously, that bicycles can be used in preserves because the signage says No Motorized Vehicles, but the Township will not improve trails for or promote bicycle use on Township Open Space properties.

Parks ordinance- Does Paradise currently have an ordinance regulating use of parks and preserves? Gary will follow-up.

Forest Hills Run flow discussion – Mt Pocono MA ceased all discharge to FHR on April 6. Question was raised about whether flow in FHR was affected. The flow report from Mt. Airy's upstream station (above the lake) was reviewed, and no change in flow was noted.

Open Space discussion – There is approximately \$800,000 in the Township's restricted fund for open space (per voter approved referendum). No potential properties for purchase are currently under discussion. THE EAC recommends that the BOS contact property owners with over 50 acres and/or stream corridors to seek opportunities to purchase and preserve forest land and stream corridors. Protecting forested lands (or lands that can be planted and restored to forest) is our best defense from the impacts of climate change locally. Protecting stream corridors protects water temperature and water quality.