

PARADISE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 15, 2023
Paradise Township Municipal Building

Chairman Mike Stein called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Present were: Stein, Cheryl Phillips, Paul Adamo, Don Miller, Edie Stevens. Guest, Louise Troutman via Zoom.

Members welcomed new member, Paul Adamo, and continuing member, Don Miller, both appointed by Supervisors for 3-year terms.

Reorganization: Mike Stein was appointed Chairman by Board of Supervisors.

Paul Adamo was elected vice-chairman and Edith Stevens, secretary, by unanimous vote.

2023 Meeting Dates: March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20(?)

Approval of Minutes: The November 16 minutes were approved on motion by Stevens, 2nd by Stein (Note, no meetings were held in December or January)

Old business – MT Airy Timber Harvest on Greenway (conserved) land: Stein reported that a forest management plan was submitted to BOS in late 2022 by Mt. Airy's forester; the Supervisors found the submission to be inadequate and have engaged professional forester Josh Flad to work with the Mt. Airy forester to prepare an adequate plan for restoration of logged areas and future timbering on Greenway lands.

A new plan has been submitted to township consultant, Jason Smith; a BOS work session has been scheduled for **Feb 22, 5 pm**, to review the new submittal.

On motion by Mike Stein, second by Don Miller, the EAC requests the opportunity to review and comment on the latest submittal before the BOS accepts it as adequate.

Stein provided background for Adamo on activity to date re Mt Airy logging on Greenway land, which is protected by a Conservation Easement held by the Township. Stevens will provide Adamo with Conservation Easement language.

Trails – funding for a graphic designer to prepare trail maps for each Township preserve and update the Township map of preserves and parks is approved for 2023 by BOS. An RFP is needed as the Township must solicit bids. This RFP is pending, and once drafted EAC can request to review for comment and recommendations.

Miller volunteered to walk trails with chosen consultant to identify points of interest to include on the trail maps. Adamo is also interested in walking trails.

Draft Open Space priorities document – the draft from the BOS was reviewed. EAC members as well as guest Louise Troutman made suggested edits. The edited document is attached. Further discussion is needed.

Stein noted that a continuation of the Conditional Use hearing for the Hawthorne Resort is scheduled for Thursday, February 23 at Pocono Mountain High School East in Swiftwater. Presentation will be by the developers' hydrogeologist on water and wastewater issues. This hearing is open to the public.