

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**April 19, 2023**

**Paradise Township Municipal Building**

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

Present were: Mike Stein, Edith Stevens, Paul Adamo, Don Miller, Antonio Purificato and Chris Merli (guest)

Stein introduced new member Antonio Purificato, appointed to fill the vacant seat formerly held by Cheryl Philipps.

The minutes of the March 15 meeting were unanimously approved. Motion by Don Miller, second by Paul Adamo.

**BOS Work Session on Mt. Airy Forest Management Plan, 2023:** The Plan was accepted for review. The Plan now includes a timetable for activities focusing on stilt grass and Japanese barbery control. A revision to include plans for knotweed control along stream banks is expected. Jason Smith will work with Mt. Airy on revision to include mitigation of knotweed as well as monitoring of progress during implementation of the Forest Management Plan.

**EAC Open Space Priorities:** Further discussion of the draft document with revision was made. Some minor changes were incorporated into the document, including recommending addition of a map of current permanently protected open space to the document and a recommendation that the document be reviewed annually. Also, the EAC recommended that deed restrictions be added on land currently owned by the Township but not permanently protected.

Stein will incorporate the changes and send the final draft to EAC members and BOS. The document, EAC Open Space Priorities, was unanimously approved on motion by Paul Adamo, second by Don Miller.

The meeting ended with a minute of silence to recognize Cheryl Phillips who passed away suddenly shortly after the last EAC meeting. Cheryl has been a member of the EAC and the Township Open Space committee since their inception.