Paradise Township Environmental Advisory Council Reorganizational Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2024; 5:00 pm

Meeting called to order by M. Stein at 5:04 pm

Members Present: Mike Stein, Paul Adamo, Antonio Purificato, Don Miller and Edie Stevens.

Guest: Louise Troutman.

Stein noted a quorum was present.

Appointment of Officers

Stein was appointed chairman by the Paradise Township Board of Supervisors Adamo was elected Vice-Chairman by unanimous vote Stevens was elected Secretary by unanimous vote

Meeting Schedule 2024

The 2024 Meeting Schedule was adopted by unanimous vote as:

January 17 March 20 April 17 May 15 June 19 July 17 August 21 September 18 October 16

November 20 December 18

All meetings will be held in-person at the Paradise Township Municipal Building, 5912 Paradise Valley Rd, Cresco, PA at 5:00 pm. Virtual attendance via Zoom will be offered as an option.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November 15, 2023 EAC meeting were approved without revision: Motion Miller, 2nd - Stevens, approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Informational Letter to Residents.

The draft informational letter to residents was discussed and revised. It was discussed that this letter should be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for consideration of distribution to new residents, all residents as an addendum to the Township Newsletter and to legal Short Term Rental residences for placement in their rental homes.

Hawthorne Resort Update

Stein noted that the Conditional Use Approval was appealed by PennFuture. This appeal was heard earlier in January and a court decision on the appeal is pending.

Mt. Airy Dam Renewal Application

Stein forwarded the EAC request that the Board of Supervisors write to the PA DEP requesting that water testing above and below the Mt. Airy dam be a part of the renewal permit for the dam. The Board of Supervisors did not take any action on this request.

New Business:

Mt. Airy Greenway Report Inspection

Stein noted that Jason Smith from Hanover Engineering recently issued an inspection report on the actions requested following the 2022 Mt. Airy Greenway report. In order to address issues on this inspection, the Board of Supervisors requested a Work Session with representatives from Mt. Airy, Smith and the Supervisors. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 4, 2024 at 5:00 pm and will be open to the public.

Other Business:

Troutman reviewed draft brochures developed by Sidney Jeffries, an intern at Monroe County. She noted that the brochures needed substantial work. Stein said that David Mazure from the ESU College of Design had contacted the Township regarding using this project with students in his design class. Stein will accept Prof Mazure's offer and connect Troutman and Mazure to move forward on this project.

A motion to adjourn was made by Adamo, second by Miller. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

The next EAC meeting will be March 20, 2024.