

PARADISE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2022
Paradise Township Municipal Building

Call to Order - Chair Mike Stein called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Members Present - Stein, Joel Schilling, Edith Stevens. Cheryl Phillips and Don Miller

The minutes of the July meeting were approved with the following correction: under Old Business correct the second bullet to read, "A Notice of Violation is being drafted" Motion by E. Stevens, 2nd by C. Phillips, motion carried.

Stein reported that the NOV will be sent to Mt. Airy in the next few weeks.

Stein reported that the BoS has asked Jason Smith, Hanover Engineering, to prepare a plan for remediation of the riparian buffer along Forest Hills Run on the Mt Airy logging project. Jason Smith has also been asked to review the options for reforestation of the area outside the riparian buffer on the logged area.

The EAC comments regarding the Mt Airy June 2022 monitoring report on temperatures above and below the dam were referred to Jason Smith. He replied that there appears to be little difference between 2022 and previous years (2019-2021).

The BoS declined the recommendation that the Mt Airy violation of the terms of the conservation easement be brought to the attention of the PA Gaming Commission.

E. Stevens reported she had sent the electric bills for Township buildings to Evoke Solar but had not received a proposal . The recently passed federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 contains a number of incentives for municipalities for installing solar.

C. Phillips discussed her concerns about maintenance at Fieldstone Farm Preserve. Since that property is owned by Pocono Heritage Land Trust, she should discuss those concerns with PHLT. Don Miller explained PHLT's approach to maintenance in preserves in general, which differ from maintenance at parks.

E. Stevens noted the excellent transition to a native wildflower meadow at the Knauf Preserve field.