

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

Meeting February 17, 2016

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 19:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**Members present:** Sid Hostetter, Soon Slayman, Bill Stoffel, Mike Callahan, Rugh Henderson, Megan Detter, Shawn Arbaugh, and Jane Popko **New members:** Rugh Henderson and Megan Detter welcomed

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Correction of Natural Area Address from 220 to 322 Spring Rd. 1/13/2016 minutes approved by Rugh Henderson and 2nd by Bill Stoffel

**Correspondence:** pending: to be addressed at next meeting  
Board of Supervisors  
Municipal Authority Minutes  
Planning Commission Minutes

### Committee Reports:

**Natural Areas Committee:** Report by Soon: Soon updated and reorganized Natural Area Designation notebook as to SLT Resolution No. along with application. This needs to be reviewed and updated based on property change in ownership. Two new properties applied and need follow up. Follow up and assistance by Soon with Deidre Curran. Rugh Henderson requested to be part of this Committee.

#### **Water Quality Committee:** No Report

Soon listened to a Penn State Webinar on Storm Water Management relating to Chesapeake Bay and Lycoming County. The current township supervisors minimal background in storm water management. Shawn is knowledgeable and indicated that the township needed to give a pollutant reduction plan by the end of May, 2016 for Chesapeake Bay. Mike's indicated that his job is in storm water management and offered to be a resource.

**Agricultural and Historical Committee:** Bill indicated that negotiations are still pending on the Old Mill property with SLT and Delaware-Chesapeake Fishing Association and the PA Game Commission.

#### **Landscaping Committee:** None

#### **Green Way Path Committee:** No Report

The scheduled meeting for 2/9/2016 was snowed out. Next meeting (last meeting) is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23 at 1800 to discuss the proposal for paths and maintenance/mowing schedule (all EAC members invited). This is to be presented at the EAC March meeting. The proposal to the SLT supervisors will probably not be till April meeting.

### Old Business:

#### **Pipelines:**

**1) Mariner 2 (East to West)** - possibly start in 2 months; Solicitor is working on agreement for road repair.

**2) Atlantic Sunrise (North to South)** - SLT engineers reviewing EIS with recommendations by next week. Air Quality is still an issue. EAC may provide assistance with plantings via a subcontract. Megan indicated that some landowner easements are still pending and provided EAC with a copy of properties still not signed. One property in the clean and green program may lose that designation

due to amount of acreage needed as staging area. Issues with eminent domain continue to be a problem.

### **Short and Long Term Plans for the EAC:**

#### **1) Short Term (during 2016)**

- Expansion of subcommittee membership with designated chairs and scheduled meeting dates - to be discussed further at March meeting.
- contact residents for possible Natural Area designation for spring (by April) to help and/or consult (considered urgent per Rugh); update designation on properties under new ownership
- property at corner of 322 and Palmyra Rd across from Annie - status as natural area - looking to sell as potential commercial use with the possible removal of 2 other properties
- possibility of engaging Dick Brown as expert consultant for a specified task
- get community more involved in activities
- provide education at no charge to get community more proactive
- write articles for SLT newsletter (environment, climate change, springs of Mt. Gretna)
- utilize volunteers (per Shawn) to assist with projects

#### **2) Long Term (3-5 years)**

- discuss township concerns about long term plans for natural areas
- develop map of Natural Areas to show current locations (see map from National Night Out); Shawn could have intern locate natural areas by GPS, then get map done by county office having GPS
- get recognition of EAC as a township entity
- add EAC report at SLT supervisor meeting (Sid or another as spokesperson)
- attendance at planning commission meeting (Rugh currently attends).

### **New Business:**

**Burning Ordinance (see copy to review)** - discussed at February Supervisor meeting. Update of 2012 ordinance since solicitor/police indicated that 2012 version not enforceable. Mt Gretna residents requested more burning allowed/year (from 2 times/year to 4 times/year). There will be further discussion at the March SLT supervisor meeting. Public notice will need to be published prior to SLT supervisor approval in May. EAC involvement could be to support environmental safety concerns (ie. leaf burning particulate unhealthy) or alternative methods of disposal or recycle.

**PA America Water Grant** - \$35,000 (see email link from Shawn) - suggestions needed at March meeting (plant trees, ground water issues, storm water management, education, rain barrels); submission by April 1 (coordinate with county extension service).

**Other:** West Hanover Township gives out milkweed seed to help Monarch butterflies; Bartlett tree publication on maintaining healthy trees; PA Native Tree Association, Master Gardener Program, Manada Conservancy Association, and Lebanon County Conservation District Plant Sale (due 2/22)

**Good and Welfare:** Sid thanked Rugh and Megan and all for being part of EAC

**Motion to Adjourn:** Sid made motion to adjourn at 20:21, 2nd by Bill.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Jane T. Popko