

UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes July 17, 2023

- 1) The July 17, 2023 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Nathan Pritchard.
- 2) Roll Call
 - a) Council members present were: Nathan Pritchard, Anton Shannon, Bill Bartlett, Brian Sayago, George Hasker and Greg Kowalczyk.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Courtesy of the floor

No members of the public were present.
- 5) Upon a motion by Mr. Bartlett and a second by Mr. Kowalczyk the Council approved the 5/15/23 Minutes. All present voted yes.
- 6) The Council discussed development of the recently acquired property at Newburg and Gun Club.
 - a) The possibility of leasing the 3 acres for farming was considered. The Council preferred the “nut grove” and environmental demonstration center idea. Mr. Pritchard will talk to Edge of the Woods Native plant Nursery LLC. EOTW has experience in meadow development, having done something similar for Buzzi in an area north and west of Rt. 191 near Stockertown. We hope to meet with EOTW before the next EAC meeting. A formal RFP might or might not be required.
 - b) Meanwhile Mr. Pritchard will meet with UNT Public Works Director to arrange to have the lot mowed.
- 7) A number of members commented on their outreach efforts.
 - a) Mr. Sayago
 - i) A resident on Rt 248 indicated no interest in participating in our program.
 - ii) Mr. Sayago will contact Tuskes Homes on 7/18/23 to discuss property on the east side of Michael School Rd.
 - b) Mr. Bartlett – sent a letter to Hildenbrand
 - c) Mr. Pritchard – will meet with Buzzi and Bushkill Township on 7/19/23
 - d) Mr. Kowalczyk – local Prime Conduit contact indicated an interest in participating in a discussion.
- 8) Mr. Pritchard is working with the Township Manager on the trail feasibility study.

9) The EAC discussed Keystone Engineering's request to have the EAC to participate in the Township's MS4 program. The Council discussed a stream clean up project targeted for October. Mr. Pritchard will ask the Township Secretary to post the project on the Township's Facebook page.

10) Mr. Sayago informed the EAC of a number of proposals he received from Heidelberg Materials. The proposals are not directly related to the EAC mission, but are consistent with our desire to develop a working relationship with Heidelberg which is the largest landowner in the Township.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hasker, seconded by Mr. Shannon, and approved by all members present. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next meeting will be on August 21, 2023 at 6:30 at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sayago Secretary