

**UMBT Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)
June Meeting Report August 1, 2017**

Attendees: Lori Poliskiewicz, Chair; Larry Ott, Co-Chair; Virgil Kasieber; Anthony DeFranco, Supervisor; Joann Dentith, Recording Secretary; Judy Henckel; Charlie Cole.

Absent: Rick Fisher, UMBT Manager, Jeff Horn, Scott Angus, Aline Haddad (per Judy, consider removing Aline since she hasn't been a part of the EAC). Lori was going to check with her to see where she was at with attending meetings.

Administrative/Reports -The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Lori Poliskiewicz. Motion to approve August 1, 2017 agenda by Larry Ott, 2nd Virgil Kasieber. Vote 3-0.

June minutes were discussed, Judy would like a statement removed from the minutes as she doesn't recall saying it. Larry Ott made a motion to approve June minutes taking out Judy's statement, Virgil Kasieber 2nd. Vote: 3-0.

Announcements/Correspondence ~ The meeting report for March – Larry Ott has looked and believes he no longer has them to submit.

Board of Supervisors Update ~ The Special meeting for the BOS being held on August 4, 2017. Looking to reduce the EIT normally used for Open Space. Judy is concerned about having it reduced. "You never know who is going to come through. Worried there won't be enough money there if needed and would like to see referendum put off for a year". The idea is to help pay for fire trucks. It can't be done solely on EIT. Anthony said it needs to be done ASAP because we need to protect with fire/police. It was discussed that the referendum wording is misleading and will the voters understand what they are voting for? Judy said that Monroe County does a study on how Open Space money is being used and suggested that it's something we should do.

Public Comment ~ Judy discussed the meetings she attended. County is supporting scenic wall in Delaware Water Gap. Support the trails, will come here to get input. Charlie discussed the Stine stump farm – still ongoing. No decision has been made.

Plans under Review (Planning Commission) ~ Institute Rd – Torre Subdivision. Larry Ott & Lori P reviewed plans. No wetlands as far as they can see. A couple of roads still not paved, but may only be done if the township has will need to.

EAC Strategic Planning ~ None

Old Business

- **Eastern Industries** ~ Board appointed an appraiser to look at and appraise Eastern Industries. We should have an answer in about 2-3 weeks. Guys cleaned it up, but the building is shot from neglect. Virgil mowed some of the trails and is trying to keep them open. They had been pretty closed shut and need to be maintained. Would like to keep them open so people can get in there to fish or hike. Judy suggested using some of the EIT money to try and work on the trails.

- **Lake Minsi Update** – Pictures are available of the lake bed, turtle salvage. Larry and Rick are the reps for Upper Mount Bethel. Mike from the Blue Valley Times – input on how to reach people once it's done (2019). Drone going back and forth to go over in 3D. Water level would be at 2 ½ feet, can't raise water level higher because of flooding. Larry doesn't agree. Fish/Boat makes final decision. Larry – no contracts? Why did they drain the lake?
- **Recyclables** – Discussed the latex paint collection event to be held at the UMBT building on Saturday, September 2, 2017. Is there any advertising? Could a letter be posted at Eastern? We aren't doing an electronics event – Charlie thinks that Northampton County does one on 15th street, but couldn't be confirmed. Discussed whether we could hold an event for next year. Other locations that are having drops offs were discussed. Virgil said that the road crew will pick up TV's if they are left out. They try to keep the roads clean.

New Business

- Will discuss at a later date the need of another EAC member

-The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm upon motion by Virgil Kasebier, 2nd Larry Ott. Vote: 3-0.

Next EAC meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Recording Secretary, Joann Dentith