

UMBT Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)
December Meeting Report
December 5, 2017

Attendees; Lori Poliskiewicz, Chair; Larry Ott, Co-Chair; Virgil Kasieber; Kyle Dutt; Jeff Horn; Rick Fisher, UMBT Manager; Anthony DeFranco, Supervisor; Joann Dentith, Recording Secretary.

Absent: None

Administrative/Reports -The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Lori Poliskiewicz. Motion to approve December 5th agenda by Larry Ott, 2nd Jeff Horn. Vote 5-0. Motion to approve the November meeting report by Virgil Kasieber, 2nd Jeff Horn, Vote 5-0.

Announcements/Correspondence – Lori P received correspondence on Memberships for 2018. LP said the Regional EAC meeting will be held at the Plainfield Township Bldg on Wednesday, December 6th from 6-8 PM. LP could not attend and wanted to see if any of the other EAC members would be able to attend. CC Said it's a good way to meet other EAC members in the area.

PASA – Sustainable Agriculture renew is \$150.00. Motion to approve by Kyle Dutt; 2nd Larry Ott. Vote – unanimous.

The **PEC** (Pennsylvania Environmental Council) \$50.00 membership fee. Charlie Cole said it's a good organization to be a part of. Motion to approve Jeff Horn, 2nd Kyle Dutt, vote – unanimous.

PHS (PA Horticultural Society) Larry said we could pay \$20.00, but unsure of what we would get out of it. Charlie Cole thought maybe wait to ask someone to get more information. Virgil K asked to table it until next meeting. Lori P will try to look into it.

Board of Supervisors Update – Anthony said there was nothing new to add

Public Comment – Judy H said that the Open Space isn't just about the crops. Handed out Hawk Mountain pamphlets. Charlie Cole said that the Spotted Lanternfly has been found in New York and Delaware. We are a part of quarantine in four counties; Lebanon, Berks, Lehigh and Northampton. Local Vineyards and fruit growers are concerned. Charlie said there is a meeting in January for the fruit growers.

Plans under Review (Planning Commission) – None

EAC Strategic Planning - None

Old Business (Previously discussed)

Eastern Industries – Virgil said there is nothing new to report since the weather is cold. Rick Fisher said that they are coming up with new pathways. He added that Virgil K is doing a great job. Probably 3 ½ miles of pathways now. Also said that we would be getting more picnic tables for the park and we can take the other ones from the park to Eastern. Larry Ott said our focus should be on Eastern next year. Rick F would like to take GPS or drone and mark trails and possibly have a kiosk. Charlie C said the trails go all the way around. David Due is looking at more trails and a bike lane. Judy said an assessment of it should be done and is concerned that things will be trampled on. Jeff Horn suggested “Stay off” signs. Rick F agreed that Environmental assessment should be done, that they are on the same page. Lori O asked who does that and Jeff H said we do and suggested a management plan should be in place.

Lake Minsi Update – Larry said that he talked to John Bermingham and showed him the power point and thought the January Board of Supervisors Workshop would be a good time to show the presentation. Rick confirmed that the date would be January 22nd. He asked Larry how long he would want it to be and Larry thought 45 minutes total. 30 minutes for the presentation and then 15 minutes for questions. Could go through the pictures pretty quick. Other than that, they are pretty much at a stand-still. No bids in yet. They are shooting for March, April or May. Looking to be complete by 2019. He added that in-lake habitat needs to be in place before they can start rebuilding. It will start as soon as the bids come in. Ant asked if they would need to dredge. Larry O said minimal. If you do dredge, then you will need all kinds of permits. Which would then make 2019 out of the question. Larry O said they are talking about an aquatic plant management to come in? He was unsure of that. Charlie asked if they need clay like substance to be brought in, Larry O said that’s a fish & game issue. They are responsible for that. He can suggest it but that’s it. Larry O said that John B suggested a Liaison for Lake Minsi.

- **Recyclables** – Lori P said that she received the new card in the mail for Advanced Disposal taking over in January. No other information was discussed.

New Business

- **Selection of Officer’s for 2018** – Larry Ott nominated Lori Poliskiewicz to remain as Chair for 2018. Lori asked if anyone else would be interested in the position, there was no one. The EAC board was in agreement to keep Lori P on as the Chair for 2018, Larry Ott made a motion 2nd Virgil Kasieber. Vote – unanimous.

- **EAC Budget 2018** – Rick Fisher gave a break-down of what would be issued for the EAC in 2018, totaling \$3,300.00. Last year only \$2,743.00 was used.
 - o \$600.00 EAC Advertising
 - o \$1,500.00 EAC Project Development
 - o \$100.00 EAC Memberships & Subscriptions
 - o \$600.00 EAC Supplies & Postage
 - o \$500.00 EAC Workshops & Seminars

- **Other projects for EAC/2018 – Recycling Event** – Lori P asked if another recycling event should be on the list of things to do for 18'. Rick F said people do like them. Larry O went through list of what the cost would be for to come to the Township Building. \$750.00 for the truck. Jeff H thought the cost was pretty expensive, and asked if this something we could do on our own and cheaper? Judy said the cost comes from getting all the things together, they sort it out and then have to figure out who will take it. Discussed having it here over the weekend and doing everything ourselves (loading on pallets) and just set a date during the week for them to pick up so it will keep the cost down. Virgil K also volunteered to help out as much as he can so we could keep the cost to a minimum.

Lori P said that we don't have to decide tonight but we should decide quickly because dates fill up quick. Larry O suggested doing it in April or May when people are cleaning out their houses for spring. Last time the EAC did one was 16'. Rick F said there were so many tires and TV's (60). They are constantly being dropped off on the side of the road. Charlie C said it needs to be regulated or it could get out of hand. Larry O said he thinks it should be done through a company. It's too hard to do it alone. We can look and what other companies are out there that do these events. Lori P said we can revisit it at next month's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM upon motion by Larry Ott, 2nd Virgil Kasieber. Vote: 5-0.

Next EAC meeting Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Recording Secretary, Joann Dentith