

**Plainfield Township
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
January 7, 2019**

The Plainfield Township Environmental Advisory Council meeting was held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Those in attendance were:

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| Terry Kleintop, EAC Chairman | Robert Cornman – EAC Member |
| Robin Dingle – EAC Member | Don Moore – EAC Member |
| Bruce Rabenold – EAC Member | Robert Simpson – EAC Vice-Chairman |
| Jane Mellert, EAC Secretary and Member | Tom Petrucci – Plainfield Twp. Manager |

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was performed.

The Board of Supervisors approved the reappointment of Bob Cornman, Bob Simpson and Don Moore to 3 year terms on the EAC and Jane Mellert as the EAC Secretary at the annual reorganization meeting held on January 7, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Also in attendance – No attendees

Nomination of EAC Chairman

Motion EAC Chairman - Bob Cornman made a motion to nominate Terry Kleintop for EAC Chairman. The motion was seconded by Bob Simpson.

Vote: 6 Yes with Terry Kleintop abstaining from the vote.

Nomination of Vice Chairman

Motion EAC Vice-Chairman – Robin Dingle made a motion to nominate Bob Simpson for EAC Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Bob Cornman.

Vote: 6 Yes with Bob Simpson abstaining from the vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion – December 3, 2018 Minutes - A motion was made by Bob Cornman to approve the December 3, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Robin Dingle.

Vote: 7 Yes

OLD BUSINESS

PA DEP Growing Greener Plus Grant deadline December 31, 2019 - Little Bushkill Creek:

The draft plan was reviewed at the December 3, 2018 EAC meeting with Jason Smith. Jason provided a power point presentation. Terry Kleintop, Jane Mellert, Robin Dingle and Tom Petrucci met on December 28, 2018 to discuss the continuance of the Growing Greener grant. One of the topics of the discussion was how to meet the scope of the work as documented in the Request for Proposal and project contract in order to complete the project. Data from prior studies including URS need to be reviewed and incorporated along with the current data. Tom Petrucci reported that bringing Robin Dingle on as a Sub-Contractor for the project was discussed. In order for this to take place an inquiry was made to Hanover Engineering. Hanover is willing to hire Robin Dingle as a Sub-Contractor in

order to review past testing data along with the new testing sites and data and compile the information for use in the final Little Bushkill Creek 2018 Watershed Management Plan. It was estimated that the Sub-Contracting work will take approximately 26 hours for \$3,000 - \$5,000. The fee is in addition to the Contract with Hanover Engineering. The cost can be covered by the Growing Greener Grant.

The Board of Supervisors will need to address the hiring and funding at the January 9, 2019 meeting. Tom Petrucci reported that the current Consultant costs were below the grant threshold. If approved the additional project work should be done with a not to exceed number of hours (24-30) and/or dollar amount. Robin noted there is a disconnect between the current report and the connection to past data.

Motion - Bob Cornman made a motion for the EAC to support the recommendation of Hanover Engineering hiring Robin Dingle as a Sub-Consultant for the Growing Greener Grant- Little Bushkill Creek Watershed Management Plan with approval from the Plainfield Township Board for the additional project funding. The motion was seconded by Bob Simpson.

Vote: 6 Yes with Robin Dingle abstaining from the vote

It was noted the work on the plan needs to be completed as soon as possible and as per the original schedule for the plan the final report should be completed by spring of 2019. A presentation will be included in the process. Tom Petrucci will schedule the date of March 11, 2018.

Robert Cornman reported that he was appointed to the WGMA and will start his position at the next scheduled meeting. The EAC hopes the appointment will open up avenues of communication between the WGMA and the Plainfield Township EAC.

Pollution Control Measures for Water Impaired by Pathogens – MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan Deadline September 30, 2023

Tom Petrucci emailed the following copies:

- Appendix B – Pollutant Control Measures for Waters Impaired by Pathogens
- Appendix E – Pollution Reduction Plan Requirements for Discharges to Waters Impaired for Nutrients and/or Sediment
- Pollutant Reduction Plan from Ott Consulting dated July 18, 2018.

Appendix B and E outlines the PA DEP requirements and deadlines to implement a pollutant reduction plan under the MS4 regulations.

Tom Petrucci is recommending the MS4 and the Little Bushkill Creek program be merged together moving forward. The MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan requirements will be written into a RFP. The requirements and concepts for the two plans are similar. This will enable the use of both Environmental and Civil Consultants on the project. Everything must be done by the 2023 deadline. The following steps were reviewed.

1. Plainfield Township has \$100,000 designated in the 2019 Budget in order to address MS4 compliance issues.
2. Develop MS4 PRP RFP to hire an Environmental Firm – Tom Petrucci can start the RFP and come back to the EAC for review.
3. Include the MS4 information on the Official Map
4. Educate Property Owners
5. Public Education
6. Future Funding Sources will be researched

It was noted that Plainfield Township is on the forefront of putting measures in place to come into compliance with MS4 regulations. Many municipalities have not taken the initiative to begin the process or to find revenue sources.

A PA DEP map showing locations of impairment on the Little Bushkill Creek from 2012 and the 2016 update were discussed. A narrative explaining the content of the map and the impaired areas will be requested.

Motion MS4 and Little Bushkill Creek - Bob Simpson made a motion to recommend the Board of Supervisors authorize Tom Petrucci to work on an RFP to develop a combined MS4 and Little Bushkill Creek program utilizing professionals as necessary. Bob Cornman seconded the motion.

Vote 7 Yes

Stream side riparian buffers – The Pollution Reduction Plan produced by Mike Kukles at Ott Engineering show many sites have already been identified. Robin Dingle noted that looking at the restoration measures listed in the report (bank restoration) the costs will go above what the Township has budgeted.

Rip rap was placed along the stream on Bocce Club road and it is already eroding. The gabions are falling into the stream. Tom Petrucci noted the Township has an emergency permit to do a repair.

Official Map - Lehigh Valley Greenways Grant “Plainfield Township Official Map Adoption” project (contract no. C2P2-22-LVG-22.10)

1. Review the 1st Draft of Official Map

- The legend needs to be enlarged
- The number one priority is to protect the streams and the trail.
- The trail corridor, stream corridor and parks and existing culverts should be shown.
- Concerns were raised regarding how the woodlands are shown on the map. The wooded areas which are on the GIS map are shown.
- If an area is shown on the map it will give the Township the right to negotiate with the property owner. Some EAC members asked if it is necessary since some of the areas are already covered by zoning regulations.
- If a property owner wants to develop an area shown on an Official Map the Township does have the authority to waive the one year right to negotiate.

Terry Kleintop noted that there are two emails that were sent out the one from the DCED which has \$40,000 for grants for Appalachian Trail view shed protection. *The January 3rd email from the DCED indicates that municipalities shall enact regulations to protect the Appalachian Trail corridor.*

December 14, 2018 email regards an update to PA State Timber harvesting regulations. The State definition of a timber harvest is 25 acres.

It was decided the 1st draft should be revised to show the trail, trail parking lots, stream corridor, trail extensions, the mountains and Grand Central Woods. The large tracts of woodlands will be removed. A concern was raised regarding keeping the woodlands on steep slopes and in wet areas. The property North of Abel Colony Road located near the Sullivan Trail Business area will also be added.

Tom Petrucci will email the proposed draft ordinance to adopt an official map document for the EAC Members to review prior to the next meeting. *The second draft of the map will be reviewed at the February 2019 EAC meeting.*

The Lehigh Valley Greenways Grant Project Completion Date for the Official Map is **May 1, 2019**.

Plainfield Township Conservation by Design Development Ordinance Proposed Revisions

1. Tom Petrucci – Review of the long term revisions will be addressed at a future meeting

EIT for Open Space Preservation

1. Grand Central Woods – There was no update at this time.

Northampton County Farmland Preservation – County/Municipal Partnership – 2019 Official Map Dec 17th deadline

- There were 21 applications for the 2019 Farmland Preservation Program
- Only 1 application (on Capp Rd) was from Plainfield Township

2018 Year End Report – The report was emailed to the EAC Members on December 13, 2018. The members will review the report prior to the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion - Meeting Adjournment – A motion was made by Bob Cornman and seconded by Don Moore to adjourn the EAC meeting at 9:37 pm.

Vote: 7 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Mellert, Secretary
Plainfield Township EAC