

**Plainfield Township
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
August 6, 2018**

The Plainfield Township Environmental Advisory Council meeting was held on Monday, August 6, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, and Nazareth, PA 18064.

Those in attendance were:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was performed.

Also in attendance – Jason Smith

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion – July 9, 2018 Minutes - A motion was made by Bob Cornman and seconded by Bruce Rabenold to approve the July 9, 2018 minutes.

Vote: 7 Yes

OLD BUSINESS

Gall Farm – Tom Petrucci, Terry Kleintop, Don Moore and Jane Mellert attended the July 17th Steering Committee Meeting at Jacobsburg Park

Northampton County will be developing the Gall farm into a passive recreation park. Another parking lot will be developed near the Plainfield recreation trail. There are several environmentally sensitive areas on the property. A public survey was developed and can be accessed online. *Copies of the survey link information and announcement for a public meeting to be held at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building on August 21st at 6:30 pm were handed out to the EAC members.*

Northampton County Farmland Preservation and County/Municipal Partnership Program

- **The 2018 Ranking list has 14 qualifying property owners and 5 additional properties that did not qualify under the land preservation criteria.**
 - Offers to preserve were sent to the first 6 qualified properties
 - Number 4 located in Allen Township has withdrawn
 - Numbers 1,2 and 5 need to respond to the offer by the end of the week
 - Numbers 3 and 6 have signed agreements of sale for the ag easements
 - The Northampton County Farmland Preservation Board gave Maria the authority to move forward with extending an offer to applicant number 7 if one of the first 6 withdrew. Moore Township is the 7th (38.13 acres) applicant on the ranking list.
 - Five applicants did not meet the land preservation criteria.

EIT for Open Space

- **Grand Central Woods**

- Township Manager Tom Petrucci has a meeting set up with Waste Management regarding the potential for preserving the land area known as Grand Central Woods. He previously met with representatives from the Wildlands Conservancy and Northampton County.

PA DEP Growing Greener Plus Grant - Little Bushkill Creek - Proposed Schedule:

July 9th EAC Meeting- Jason Smith was in attendance. He handed out and reviewed the following documents:

- Little Bushkill Creek Study - Table of Contents
- The Little Bushkill Creek Water Quality and Impacts
- Little Bushkill Creek Water Quality Restoration.
- Email from Shawn Miller at the PA DEP
- Table 1 Summary of 2016-17 Little Bushkill Creek Sampling Effort
- Table 2 Fecal Coliform and Fecal Enterococcus Results 2016-2017
- Table 3 Fecal Coliform Enterococcus Results 2016-2017
- Table 4 Nutrient Sampling Results 2016
- Table 5 Water Quality Parameters Collected 2016-2017
- Table X Fecal Coliform Data Trends
- Figure 1 2017 Sampling Location Maps
- Proposed Best Management Practices Layout for Stuber and Achenbach
- Table 8 Recommended Sampling and Restoration Measures/Actions 2014
- Additional water monitoring point information sheets (3)

Robin Dingle and Jane Mellert will send Jason Smith suggested revisions for the Little Bushkill Creek Water Quality Restoration fact sheet. Comments should be sent to Jason by August 17th. Jason will submit the changes in tracking and the revisions will be reviewed at the September 10th EAC meeting. The document will be sent out to the EAC members for review prior to the September meeting.

Tom Petrucci is looking forward to distributing the fact sheets for MS4 outreach and credits.

Data from the water test results shows that Plainfield Township is experiencing some problems areas from agriculture and septic systems. The Wind Gap map, data, sampling locations and results were discussed. The data from Wind Gap seems to indicate problem areas with outdated terra cotta sewer lines. The EAC members noted that a meeting should be held with Wind Gap Borough representatives prior to the finalization of the study process. Tom Petrucci will initiate contact with Mayor Mitch Mogilski and David Hess from Wind Gap. Robin Dingle mentioned there may be an area near that could be utilized as a remediation location. The Browntown Road and Benders Church Road areas are continuing to show problem areas in the test results. The results can be a combination of cattle accessing the stream and septic systems located near the stream.

The Stuber and Achenbach restoration projects were put out to bid. Tom Petrucci only received one bid and it is twice the grant amount. The Board of Supervisors will review the bid results at the August 8th, 2018 Board meeting. The project may be re-bid and/or Township employees may be utilized for some of the work.

The presentation of final reports for the Little Bushkill study to the Board of Supervisors will be held on October 10th at the regular Board meeting. The grant work will be completed before the October 31, 2018 deadline.

Plainfield Township Conservation by Design Development Ordinance – Tom Petrucci

- Short term recommendations – Were distributed to the EAC Members for review
- Long term recommendations – Were distributed to the EAC Members for review

Review of the documents will be placed on the September 10th EAC Agenda.

Official Map

Tom Petrucci previously sent out materials to EAC members regarding the process to adopt an official map.

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion - Meeting Adjournment – A motion was made by Bob Cornman and seconded by Don Moore to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 pm.

Vote: 7 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Mellert, Secretary
Plainfield Township EAC