

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Environmental Advisory Council was held on **Monday, March 1, 2021** via Telephone Conference Zoom Meeting Call-In Number 1-877-853-5247 (US Toll Free).

Conference ID: 813 5832 7176 (Press # when prompted)

*In accordance with Governor Wolf's ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency declaration by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Plainfield Township officials are holding this regular meeting utilizing the Zoom authorized telecommunication device platform only. Remote meetings are permitted under the provisions of Act 15 of 2020 (Health Care Cost Containment Act). The Environmental Advisory Council members will not be physically present at this meeting. This public meeting will be recorded. We kindly ask that all interested parties participating via the dedicated conference call line to only speak during the sections of the meeting that are specifically reserved for public comment or when prompted by the Chairman and to also state your name each time you are speaking. Members of the public and all interested parties will have the opportunity to comment via the telephone conference call prior to any official action taking place and during the Citizen's Agenda/Non-Agenda portion of the meeting. Anyone intentionally disrupting the meeting will be promptly muted and/or ejected from the call.*

Chairman, Bob Cornman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

The following members of the Environmental Advisory Council answered roll call: Robert Cornman, Bob Simpson, Jane Mellert, Bruce Rabenold, Stan Shelosky, and Jeff Beavan.

Also present was Township Manager/Secretary to the Environmental Advisory Council, Tom Petrucci.

*Now that the roll call of the Environmental Advisory Council is completed, we will proceed with a roll call of all members of the public who are participating on this call. Please state your name(s) one at a time so the Township can make sure that your participation is recognized.*

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:**

None

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – February 1, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION: Bob Simpson made a motion to approve the February 1, 2021 Draft EAC Meeting Minutes, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Bruce Rabenold.**

*Prior to the vote, Bob Cornman called for any questions or comments from members of the public or the EAC.*

**The motion was approved. Vote 6-0.**

**II. MEETING BUSINESS:**

**1. Plainfield Township Clean Fill Regulations Ordinance Professional Planning Consulting Services Request for Proposals (RFP) – Review of Proposals Received**

Tom Petrucci and the members of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) reviewed the following results of the above-referenced RFP, which were received via the PennBid system on February 19, 2021 at 12:00 PM:

Reference Number	Description	Type	UOM	Quantity	Langna Engineering and Environmental Services	Urban Research & Development Corp.	Hawk Valley Associates	Average
Total Extended					\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$24,700.00	
Default Item Group					\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$24,700.00	
Task 1	Task 1. Meetings	Base	Lump Sum	1	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,200.00	\$6,066.67
Task 2	Task 2. Clean Fill Regulations Ordinance	Base	Lump Sum	1	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$16,080.00	\$11,693.33
Task 3	Task 3. Public Outreach Materials	Base	Lump Sum	1	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,420.00	\$3,806.67

It was noted that the \$20,000.00 Lehigh Valley Greenways grant budget was included in the RFP package. As the Hawk Valley Associates proposal was over the listed budget, the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) members expressed the sentiment that the Hawk Valley Associates proposal should not be included in a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to award the Professional Services Contract for this project.

**ACTION: Bob Cornman made a motion to dismiss Hawk Valley Associates from consideration of awarding the Professional Services Contract for the Plainfield Township Clean Fill Regulations Ordinance, thereby effectively making Langan Engineering and Environmental Services and Urban Research and Development Corporation the two (2) selected finalists for the impending award of the Professional Services Contract. The motion was seconded by Jane Mellert.**

*Prior to the vote, Bob Cornman called for any questions or comments from members of the public or the EAC.*

**The motion was approved. Vote 6-0.**

Following discussion on the remaining Langan Engineering and Environmental Services and Urban Research and Development Corporation proposals that were received, the EAC members took action.

**ACTION: Bob Cornman made a motion to send the following list of questions to both Langan Engineering and Environmental Services and Urban Research and Development Corporation to answer on or before Friday, March 5, 2021 at 12:00 PM Noon:**

- 1. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) recently issued a revised "Management of Clean Fill Policy" on January 16, 2021. In the opinion of you and/or the organization that you represent, do Commonwealth of Pennsylvania local municipalities such as Plainfield Township have the legal authority to supersede the PA DEP regulations in the areas of clean fill concentration limits, regulated fill concentration limits, fill material testing parameters, and water quality sampling and analysis?*
- 2. If municipalities are in fact preempted by the PA DEP "Management of Clean Fill Policy", in the opinion of you and/or the organization that you represent, what other options/choices do local municipalities such as Plainfield Township have to control the depositing of fill material in the municipality (ex. zoning regulations, stormwater regulations, etc.)?*
- 3. Provide specific examples where your company has developed fill regulations for local municipalities such as Plainfield Township.*
- 4. What areas do you feel have not been adequately covered by the PA DEP "Management of Clean Fill Policy", and how can the Township adequately bridge the gap?*
- 5. What technical experience do you and/or the organization that you represent possess that will be used to develop these regulations?*

**The motion was seconded by Bob Simpson.**

*Prior to the vote, Bob Cornman called for any questions or comments from members of the public or the EAC.*

**The motion was approved. Vote 6-0.**

The receipt of the responses to the above-listed questions will determine whether the EAC members will need to hold additional interviews concerning this matter.

**2. Plainfield Township Open Space Plan Update (Tabled to April 5, 2021 EAC Meeting)**

**III. CITIZEN'S AGENDA/NON-AGENDA (*There is a 5-minute time limit for speakers. Please state your name prior to addressing the Environmental Advisory Council*)\***

\*In addition to direct public participation during the meeting, written comments concerning any listed agenda items may be submitted to the Township Manager by way of an email to [manager@plainfieldtownship.org](mailto:manager@plainfieldtownship.org) or via U.S. Mail C/O Township Manager, Plainfield Township, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

**There were no members of the public in attendance.**

**IV. ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business to come before the Environmental Advisory Council, motion was made by Stan Shelosky and seconded by Jeff Beavan to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Vote 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci  
Township Manager/Secretary  
Plainfield Township