

Plainfield Township Environmental Advisory Council

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PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

January 9, 2023 -7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Stan Shelosky - EAC Member	Joseph Colosi - EAC Member
Jeffrey Beaven – EAC Member	VACANT – EAC Member
Jane Mellert, EAC Member	Jeff Bartlett – Interim Township Manager

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

- Nomination and Election of Chairperson

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – December 5, 2022 minutes

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Water sampling plan for the Little Bushkill Creek – Needs updating in order to move forward in the spring of 2023.

1. Project East Branch - Develop water sampling plans for Browntown, Benders Church, Heimer and Delabole Roads.
2. Discuss East Branch - Grand Central Woods headwaters
3. Project West Branch – Develop water sampling plans from Williams pipeline to Wendy's/Arby's/Wind Gap Municipal border

Little Bushkill Creek Restoration Grants Update and Presentation

Wildlands Conservancy currently manages the following grants:

- 2019 DCNR C2P2 - Little Bushkill Streambank Restoration \$100,000 Project year 2019-22
- 2020 PA DEP Growing Greener - Little Bushkill Streambank Restoration \$100,000 Project year 2020-2023
- 2021 Livable Landscapes Program (NC) - Little Bushkill Streambank Restoration \$100,000 - Project Year 2022-2023

Kate Ebel, Senior Restoration Ecologist at Wildlands Conservancy provided a grant update and power point presentation of the stream restoration work scheduled for 2023 at the December 5, 2022 EAC meeting.

Kate Ebel emailed the bid documents for the 2023 stream restoration work on January 6, 2023. The dates for the bid process must be updated. After the bids are put out, a pre-bid meeting will be scheduled.

Act 537 Plan Update

- Plan sent to PA DEP- The DEP is requiring the Township to implement a plan for the residents to pump on lot septic tanks every 5 years and/or have an inspection done.
- Entech Engineering updated the plan to include the requirement and the plan was advertised as open for public inspection from Sept 23rd to Oct 24,2022
- The plan is at the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and will be reviewed at the Plainfield Township Planning Commission on Nov 14, 2022
- The LVPC Review Letter was received in November of 2022
- The plan is on the December 14, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting
- Interim Township Manager Jeff Bartlett resubmitted the plan to the PA DEP prior to December 31, 2022

Clean Fill Ordinance Regulations

- The draft Ordinance was reviewed by the Plainfield Township Planning Commission in March of 2022. The PC comments were sent to Charlie Schmehl at Urban Research and Development.
- The revised Ordinance was received from Charlie Schmehl by email and sent to the PT PC for final review at the October meeting.
- The Ordinance was reviewed at the November 14th Planning Commission meeting.
- The Planning Commission recommended minor revisions. The document is being sent to the LVPC for review and is scheduled to be adopted in March of 2023

Farmland Preservation Update – Maria Bentzoni, Northampton County Farmland Preservation Administrator – - No Update at this time.

Open Space Preservation - Review

PUBLIC COMMENT

2023 AGENDA ITEMS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING ADJOURNMENT