

**Plainfield Township
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
January 9, 2023**

The Plainfield Township Environmental Advisory Council meeting was held at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

The following members answered to the roll call:

Stan Shelosky – EAC Member	Jane Mellert, EAC Member
Jeffrey Beavan – EAC Member	Joseph Colosi – EAC Member
Vacant	Jeff Bartlett – Interim Township Manager

Also in attendance – No one was present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Interim Township Manager Jeff Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was performed.

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Jeff Bartlett asked for nominations for the Chairperson position.

Motion - Joseph Colosi nominated and made a motion to appoint Stan Shelosky as the Chairperson. Jeff Beavan seconded the motion. **Vote: 4 Yes**

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Stan Shelosky assumed the Chairperson position and asked for nominations for the Vice Chairperson position.

Motion - Jane Mellert made a motion to appoint Jeff Beavan as the Vice-Chairperson. Joe Colosi seconded the motion. **Vote: 4 Yes**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion – December 5, 2022 Minutes - A motion was made by Jeff Beavan and seconded by Joseph Colosi to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes. **Vote: 4 Yes**

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Water sampling plan for the Little Bushkill Creek – The sampling plan 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

The planned stream sampling for 2022 was delayed. In order to move forward the Little Bushkill Creek stream sampling plan needs to be reviewed and possibly updated. The EAC Members discussed having Jason Smith from Hanover Engineering review the proposed sampling plan for the Little Bushkill Creek Stream. Stream testing needs to be conducted at specific times of the year.

Motion – Joe Colosi made a motion to request the Board approve Jason Smith of Hanover Engineering to review and recommend a sampling plan for the Little Bushkill Creek for 2023 and provide costs estimates for the work to be conducted. Jeff Beavan seconded the motion. **Vote: 4 Yes**

LITTLE BUSHKILL CREEK RESTORATION GRANTS UPDATE

The 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 along with a 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. The schedule for the project bids and work to be done is as follows:

- January of 2023 - Put out the project bids. A pre-bid meeting will be held in person in order for all of the potential bidders to have the same information and have the opportunity to ask questions. The bids will be placed on Penn Bid in accordance with the legal advertising requirements.
- Spring – Construction Planning
- Summer – Construction Work
- Fall – Volunteer Planting
- Late Fall Early Winter – Final work and close out the grants.

Motion – Jane Mellert made a motion to request the Board to begin the bid process for the 2023 Little Bushkill Creek Stream Restoration work. Stan Shelosky seconded the motion. **Vote: 4 Yes**

ACT 537 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 LVPC review letter was received in November of 2022.
- The plan was reviewed at the Plainfield Township Planning Commission on Nov 14, 2022
- Interim Township Manager Jeff Bartlett resubmitted the plan to the PA DEP prior to December 31, 2022.

CLEAN FILL ORDINANCE UPDATE

- 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 Planning Commission reviewed the Ordinance on November 14, 2022 and recommended minor revisions. The plan was revised to include the recommendations.

The revised Clean Fill Ordinance has been sent to the LVPC for review and is scheduled to be adopted in March of 2023.

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PLAN

Chairman Shelosky noted Plainfield Township has an Ordinance in place and there are funds available. Some of the targeted areas to preserve are on the Official Map. There is a need to get the word out through the website, and with articles in a newsletter.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION –No Update

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM - POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES FOR WATER IMPAIRED BY PATHOGENS - MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan - Additional information will be provided for a future agenda.

EAC ORDINANCE REVISIONS

Jane Mellert reported the EAC Ordinance revisions started in 2022 need to be revisited. The changes being considered included reducing the number of EAC Members from seven to five.

The Board of Supervisors are seeking interested people to fill vacancies on the EAC, Zoning Hearing Board, and Planning Commission.

CITIZENS AGENDA/NON AGENDA

No residents were present.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion - Meeting Adjournment – A motion was made by Jeff Beavan and seconded by Joe Colosi to adjourn the EAC meeting at 7:52 pm. **Vote: 4 Yes**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Mellert, EAC Member
Plainfield Township EAC