

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP



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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

IN ATTENDANCE

Evelyn Burton, Paul DeVincenzo, Jay Megonnell, Robert Nicolodi, Marcel Smullen

ABSENT John Miele, Jeff Bridi

Friends of the EAC - Patti Estheimer, Carol Buskirk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from January 8, 2019 were approved as read.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

none

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

none

BUSINESS

• 2019 Workshops:

Bad Bugs - April 6, 2019, 10:00AM - noon - The Council will arrive at the Rec Center at 9:00 for set-up. The workshop has been advertised in the Twp. newsletter and on the WH neighbors Facebook page. Evelyn will get the light refreshments and will contact the presenter for AV needs.

Stream Investigation - June 1, 2019 10:30AM - 12:30 PM- The topic is soil and water conservation with the workshop being aimed at youth as well as adults. Classroom instruction will be followed by hands-on stream observation at the Rec Center. The instruction is being provided by Penn State Extension and the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center. Attendees are asked to pre-register. (See p. 5 in the Twp. newsletter.)

• MS4 Stakeholders Committee - There have been no recent meetings but more volunteers are requested. The committee will form a Stormwater Authority to oversee the assessment of fees and the projects to be undertaken. Patti suggested that there be an education component to inform home owners of the purpose of stormwater control and how to mitigate runoff on their own property. Council members discussed many aspects of the MS4 requirements and how near-by municipalities are progressing.

• Other topics - Council members discussed other environmental issues, including recycling, e-cycling, invasive plants, and stormwater mitigation.

• Big Tree - There are 2 applications pending, and assessments will be scheduled when weather permits.

• Recycling Reports - have been received from WM.

• Japanese knotweed - A scout from Troop 27 will work on controlling Japanese knotweed at the Rec Center for a merit badge requirement. another scout will work on e-cycling.

PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or OTHER BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm