

**UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OCTOBER 18, 2021**

The October 2021 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Nathan Pritchard.

- 1) Roll Call: Council members present were: Nathan Pritchard, George Hasker, Frank Hirst, and Michelle Martin.
  - a) Brian Sayago and Anton Shannon joined subsequently.
  - b) Also present as a guest was Jason Smith of Bushkill Township. Mr. Smith has been instrumental in implementing Bushkill Township's open space and farmland preservation program.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) The Council reviewed the appointments of Council officers.
- 4) The Council noted that the term of the members would end on December 31 on the following schedule as appointed by the Board of Supervisors (BOS)
  - a) Nathan Pritchard a three-year term ending December 31, 2023
  - b) George Hasker a three-year term ending December 31, 2023
  - c) Anton Shannon a three-year term ending December 31, 2023
  - d) Frank Hirst a two-year term ending December 31, 2022
  - e) Brian Sayago a two-year term ending December 31, 2022
  - f) Michelle Martin a one-year term ending December 31, 2021
  - g) A second one-year term was not filled.
  - h) The above schedule will be incorporated into the bylaws as an addendum.
- 5) (Re)appointments will be made at each annual BOS annual reorganization meeting.
- 6) Mr. Sayago will forward the Minutes of the September 20, 2021 meeting as amended to Lisa Klem.
- 7) The draft of the By Laws was approved by Mr. Pritchard, Mr. Hasker, Mr. Hirst, Mr. Sayago, Mr. Shannon and Ms. Martin. The By Laws will be forwarded to Lisa Klem for review and feedback including by the solicitor if needed.
- 8) The Council discussed a question regarding requests for legal or other advice that may be desired from time to time. The Council concluded that any such questions will be forwarded to Lisa Klem for her to answer or forward to the appropriate specialist.

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- 9) The Council discussed methodologies to evaluate open space opportunities including requests for farmland preservation.
  - a) These included Table 5-1 Upper Nazareth Township Open Space Criteria scoresheet included in the Upper Nazareth Township Recreation, Parks & Open Space Master Plan November 2020. Also discussed was a Bushkill township's Open Space Criteria Evaluation form and methodology.
  - b) Mr. Smith of Bushkill offered a number on insights based on that township's experience.
    - i) The Evaluation is a useful tool to evaluate properties that appear to not qualify for farmland preservation.
    - ii) Mr. Smith suggested one scoresheet/set of criteria for farmland and one for natural land.
  - c) Mr. Pritchard ask the members to review the scoresheets and bring comments to the next EAC meeting.
- 10) The Council discussed actions that could be taken to eventually bring opportunities for open space in the Township.
  - a) Ms. Martin will contact certain farmers.
  - b) Mr. Pritchard will engage in a conversation with Buzzi Unicem at a meeting already scheduled for other purposes.
  - c) Mr. Sayago will develop a contact with Lehigh Heidelberg Cement.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Pritchard and others had attended the September 30, 2021 meeting of Lehigh Valley Greenways. He reported that there was a very positive response from the Upper Nazareth Township people who attended.

In seeking an inventory of land owners in the Township, the Council had obtained the Transportation Capital Improvements Plan prepared by Keystone Engineering in September 2010. The Plan did not include the information sought. Mr. Sayago will contact Lisa Klem to learn if any notes from the Plan's development are available.

The next meeting will be on November 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township building.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hasker, seconded by Mr. Hirst and approved by the six members. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sayago Secretary