

UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES DECEMBER 20, 2021

- 1) The December 2021 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman Nathan Pritchard.
- 2) Roll Call
 - a) Council members present were:
 - i) Nathan Pritchard, Brian Sayago and Anton Shannon.
 - ii) Michelle Martin, George Hasker, and Frank Hirst were absent.
 - iii) The Council lacked a quorum.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Approved the November 15 Minutes was deferred due to the lack of a quorum.
- 5) COURTESY OF THE FLOOR
 - a) No members of the public were present.
- 6) OLD BUSINESS
 - a) The EAC discussed its draft By Laws. It is unclear if By Laws are necessary or required. The PA Environmental Council Handbook contemplates the adoption of By Laws and offers a sample. The draft UNT EAC By Laws were based on this sample. We were informed that the Township solicitor has questioned to necessity of By Laws. Mr. Pritchard offered a number of reasons for the value of By Laws. Mr. Pritchard will contact Jason Smith at Bushkill Township and Rebecca Kennedy at PEC staff to gather additional information on this topic.
 - b) Mr. Pritchard obtained permission to use Bushkill Township's Open Space Criteria Evaluation form and methodology.
- 7) NEW BUSINESS
 - a) The EAC plans to conduct a table-top test of the Open Space Criteria Evaluation at the next EAC meeting.
 - b) Mr. Sayago discussed the 12/14/21 meeting with Lehigh Hanson Heidelberg in which he and Ms. Mullen participated. The meeting was more fully documented in notes sent to the EAC and included below.
 - c) The Council discussed the applicability of the hillside parcel north of the Buzzi quarry as potential Township accessible open space.

- 8) The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2022 (MLK Day) at 6:30 p.m. at the Township building.
- 9) ADJOURNMENT
 - a) Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Sayago and approved by the three members present. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sayago Secretary

Lehigh Hanson
Meeting
12/14/21

Kristin Mullen and Brian Sayago met with representatives of Leigh Hanson Heidelberg.

- Krzysztof Burek Plant Manager
- Kathi Donnelly HR Manager and Community Relations Coordinator
- Luis Rodriquez Environmental Department

Heidelberg is very interested in developing an ongoing dialogue with the municipalities, this includes Nazareth Borough, UNT and others. They had been having quarterly meetings with the Borough in the past, but due to turnover at LH these had stopped. They would like to restart. We expressed our commitment to participating.

This meeting was primarily a get acquainted session. But we spoke about a number of things.

Heidelberg is involved with the Borough in that they own the sports fields off Seip Ave. (Called Essroc Field by my soccer playing grandchildren) and the field on S Green St. and the Food Bank Garden on S. Main St.

Heidelberg owns a large plot at the west end of the township near Redcliffe around the white building which they call the white house. This includes a disused quarry and a large field east of the white house. This is significant because while the land around the white house contains rock that is not very attractive for quarrying, the rock immediately east is high quality.

They own Michael School House and said they were interested in selling it. It is not clear how much land would go with it.

They invited us to a future meeting where we could take a tour of the plant.

We told them about our UNT Community Days and invited them to participate. They seemed quite interested.

Lehigh Hanson Heidelberg is part of the German company Heidelberg Cement Group. Heidelberg produces cement and related products in over 60 countries with 57,000 employees working at 3,000 production sites. The company operates 139 cement plants with an annual cement capacity of 176 million tons, more than 1,500 ready-mixed concrete production sites, and over 600 aggregates quarries

They are one of the largest building materials companies in the world, and are included in the German version of the Dow Jones Industrial average – the DAX 30 which includes Adidas, Bayer, BMW, Daimler (Chrysler), Lufthansa, Merck, Siemens, and Volkswagen.

They are currently involved with controversial geopolitical issues in Indonesia and the West Bank.