

UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES APRIL18, 2022

- 1) The April 2022 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Chairman Nathan Pritchard.
- 2) Roll Call
 - a) Council members present were:
 - i) Nathan Pritchard, Brian Sayago, George Hasker, and Drew Sack.
 - ii) Anton Shannon was not initially in attendance, but joined at 7:00 pm.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Mr. Hasker moved to approve the March 21, 2022 Minutes, seconded by Mr. Pritchard. However, since Mr. Sack had not been present, the Council did not have four votes. Approval will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- 5) COURTESY OF THE FLOOR
 - a) No members of the public were present.
- 6) OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Mr. Sayago had previously distributed a list of property owners obtained from the County.
 - b) As a result of Township Solicitor Gary Asteak's opinion on By-Laws, we will not move to approve the draft By-Laws. Mr. Sayago will draft a new set of operating principals for submission to the Council.
 - c) The Council voted to put into use the In-Take form presented by Mr. Sayago at the last meeting. This form can be submitted by anyone and does not require the signature of the landowner. Receipt marks the start of investigation by the EAC. Mr. Pritchard moved the question and Mr. Hasker seconded. The vote was five aye, zero nay.
 - d) Mr. Pritchard will follow up on the property information regarding an inquiry from a township property owner offering to sell a <1 acre lot in the Farmview area.
 - e) Items carried forward
 - i) Confirmation of participation in the UNT Community Days
 - ii) Obtain presentation material from LV Greenways
 - iii) Summary descriptions of the purpose of the EAC had been prepared by Mr. Sayago and also Mr. Hasker. Approval is pending.
- 7) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Mr. Pritchard submitted to the council a draft application form. The Application Form requires the signature of the land owner and will generally be required prior to recommending the expenditure of money. Mr. Sayago moved the question, Mr. Hasker seconded. The vote was five aye, zero nay
 - b) Mr. Shannon asked how we would handle a situation in which a quorum voted to take a specific action, but a member who was not present for that vote could have the matter revisited. The belief was that any member could move to reopen the issue and if seconded a vote to reopen would be taken.
 - c) Mr. Sayago had contacted Sherry Acevedo, the Conservation Coordinator for Northampton County Livable Landscapes to discuss procedural matters. Ms. Acevedo recommended that the UNT EAC develop a set of operating policies. These policies would guide the EAC as well as inform residents and interested parties the criteria the EAC would use to pursue its open space goals.
 - d) Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Sayago met with Kerry Reider, the Open Space Coordinator for Bushkill Township. Mr. Reider was very helpful and informative. Among other information Mr. Reider gave us the name of the appraiser Bushkill Township uses.
 - e) The EAC took up the matter of the 11-acre parcel on Michael School Rd. Mr. Sayago had met with the owner who indicated his interest in pursuing some type of land preservation. The EAC completed the Evaluation Form. The property scored 58 points. No disqualifying factors were identified. Mr. Sayago had obtained a quote for an appraisal from the appraiser recommended by Mr. Reider. The cost is \$1500. Mr. Shannon made a motion to recommend that the BOS approve the expenditure. Mr. Hasker seconded. The vote was five aye, zero nay.
 - f) Mr. Sayago met with Lisa Klem Township Manager to discuss recordkeeping for the EAC. Ms. Klem agreed to maintain filing space in Township offices for documents retained by the EAC.
 - g) The Council discussed the possibility of having more than one meeting each month and decided to have a second meeting monthly on the first Monday. Regular quorum and voting rules will apply.
- 8) Mr. Pritchard noted that he, with representatives from Bushkill Township and Plainfield Township will hold an open space coordination meeting on May 5th at 1:00 pm at 14 Gracedale Ave. The topic is the land in the northwest quadrant of Routes 33 and 191. The meeting is open to anyone.
- 9) The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township building.
- 10) ADJOURNMENT
- a) Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hasker, seconded by Mr. Sayago and approved by all members. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sayago Secretary