

UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes January 23, 2023

1) The January 23, 2023 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was called to order at 6:44 p.m. by Chairman Nathan Pritchard.

2) Roll Call

a) Council members present were: Nathan Pritchard, Anton Shannon, and Bill Bartlett. Brian Sayago attended remotely. George Hasker was not in attendance.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Courtesy of the floor

Resident Greg Kowalczyk attended the meeting to learn what the EAC was discussing, introduce himself, and express his interest in joining the EAC.

Council members in turn introduced themselves and their motivations for joining the EAC

5) Upon a motion by Mr. Bartlett a second by Mr. Shannon the Council approved the 12/19/22 Minutes. All present voted yes

6) Approval of the 12/5/22 minutes was tabled due to a lack of quorum

7) Mr. Sayago updated the council on bids for printing EAC postcards and identified Allegra as the most favorable. Mr. Prichard made a motion that the council recommend the board of supervisors approve the Allegra quote and postcard design. The motion passed with all in favor.

8) Mr. Bartlett made a motion to send the mailing list for an EAC letter to John Sloe and Nate Pritchard for final edit before mailing the letter to potential landowners interested in preservation. The motion passed with all in favor.

9) Mr. Sayago updated the EAC on his landowner outreach efforts.

10) Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Syago updated the EAC on their initial meeting with representatives of Lehigh-Heidelberg Cement Company.

11) Mr. Prichard updated the council on the Lehigh Valley Greenways Annual Retreat, which Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Hasker attended. Upper Nazareth Township continues to be identified by LVG and Northampton County as a high priority region for preservation for trail development.

12) A discussion about landowner outreach and preservation negotiations was initiated by Mr Sayago. The EAC reaffirmed its recommended strategy of always offering the full appraised amount for easements and fee simple purchases. The EAC agreed that in a spirit of transparency, reassurance and good faith negotiation: a summary of the appraisal would be provided to landowners prior to an agreement of sale.

13) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Pritchard, and approved by all members present. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The next meeting will be on February 27, 2023 at 6:30 at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Anton Shannon