

Upper Mount Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

Date: May 1, 2024 Time: 7:00pm

Location: Upper Mount Bethel Township Building , 378 Ye Olde Highway Mount Bethel, PA 18434

Attendees

• Committee Members present: Judy Henckel, Dohl DiFebo, Allison Heinsohn, Courtney Gilmour, Alexandra Dutt; Others: David Friedman – Supervisor Liaison; Videotaped by Chris Callie

Meeting called to order by Judy at 7:01pm

A motion to approve the minutes from 4/09/2024 was made by Dohl, and seconded by Courtney.

Public Comment:

- Charlie Cole stated that next Wednesday (5/8/2024) the Well Ordinance Committee will be holding a meeting at 7pm at the UMBT Township Building to discuss the final version of the well ordinance.

Follow-Up from Last Meeting:

- Dohl shared his lessons learned from the [GIS for EAC Webinar](#) he attended:
 - o Need to prioritize important projects, but potential uses include zoning, open space, etc.
 - o Two online software options:
 - QGIS: Free
 - ArcGIS: \$120 for 2 years, plus \$1,000 for data (block credit package)
 - Some GIS Overlay information is free, but we may need to pay for others
 - o There was discussion of if this could be used for wells, farm ponds, etc.
 - o The Open Space board would support this.
 - Next Steps:
 - Financial Considerations: Need to map out costs and build a business case for usage.
 - Dohl to contact WeConserve to see if they could come speak with us
 - Alex to contact the county to inquire about their GIS capabilities
- EAC Website Discussion
 - o We need to decide on a name for the tab that will contain information on what we are doing
 - Cindy can add PDFs or links on blue tabs directly on the UMBT website
 - o It was briefly discussed if we wanted our own email address, all members decided against this.
 - o It was discussed if we wanted to create our own external website that could be linked on the UMBT website.
 - We would need to get permission from the supervisors.
 - Alex to make a prototype website to share at the next meeting for further discussion.

Presentation of the Delaware River Wild & Scenic Partnership Program by Lower Delaware River Wild & Scenic Management - Council representative Tara Mezzanoti.

- Please see the PDF of Tara's PowerPoint presentation for details.

Judy adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm

Next meeting: July 3rd, 2024 at 7pm