

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
January 7, 2021

Members Present: Ginger Pohlman, Liz Neff, Veronica Holmes, Deb Watkins, Jon Buzan, Laura Paoella

Also Present: Sue Drummond, Board of Supervisors; Donna Wikert, East Whiteland Township Office; Tony Finding, BSTI; Debra Mobile; Cathy Devlin; Amy Donahue

1. Call to Order: Ginger Pohlman called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Approval of the minutes: Veronica Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 1, 2020 as written. Ginger Pohlman seconded and the vote was unanimous. Ginger Pohlman made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 3, 2020 as written. Veronica Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.
3. Discussions:
 - Update on the Bishop Tube site:
 - PA DEP is wrapping up the RI/FS reports, with the expectation of completion sometime in the next two months. The next step will be for PA DEP to release the administrative record. When a responsible party is found, PA DEP will oversee cleanup/remediation.
 - The environmental consulting firm BSTI has been retained by the township to review the administrative record and make recommendations. BSTI is also being paid extra by the township to review documents in anticipation of the remedial action plan.
 - The subdivision plan has been presented to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The Board is going to consider it again at their January 13th meeting. The township only has an extension through the end of February. If the plan meets all zoning requirements without variances, then it is a by-right plan. However, it would have to be cleaned up before any building could occur.
 - Debra Mobile expressed concerns regarding the risk of exposure to nearby residents/businesses, if unsupervised demolition were to begin.
 - Update on the Malvern TCE site:
 - Tim Gallagher (EPA) will attend the February 2021 EAC meeting and will provide an update.
 - Other Updates:

- Knickerbocker: The requested rezoning has been presented to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Zoning is requested to be residential for proposed age 55+ townhouses and apartments. The plan is below allowable density, will be controlled by a covenant/resolution, includes 50% retained open space and trail access to the public. Otherwise, the site will likely be developed by construction of a warehouse (a by-right option). The Board will review the various environmental documents that have been provided by the developer and by some members of the public. The township's environmental attorney is currently reviewing the documents and BSTI will also review them. The EAC asked if BSTI will provide a summary of the documents and if that could be done before the next EAC meeting. However, the timing for completion of the environmental document review is not known.

4. Public Comment: There were no comments made.
5. Old Business: There were no old business items.
6. New Business: There were no new business items.
7. Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Minutes Submitted by: Laura Paolella, Environmental Advisory Council Secretary