

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
February 4, 2021

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

Members Absent: Jon Buzan

Also Present: Sue Drummond, Board of Supervisors; Donna Wikert, East Whiteland Township Office; Tim Gallagher, EPA; Debra Mobile; Cathleen Devlin; Amy Donohue

1. Call to Order: Ginger Pohlman called the regular meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Approval of the minutes: Ginger Pohlman made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2021 as written. Liz Neff seconded and the vote was unanimous.
3. Discussions:
 - Update on the Bishop Tube site:
 - The Board of Supervisors agenda for Wednesday, 2/10/2021 includes an item to rule on the development plan. The township only has an extension through the end of February.
 - The final FS and RIR, dated 1/13/2021, were received. As they were written in tandem, it is uncertain how many comments and further revisions PA DEP will have before the reports are accepted.
 - EAC will follow up with East Whiteland Township to determine if the reports have been given to BSTI for review. We will also ask about the expected timelines for PA DEP review/acceptance of the reports and proposal of a remedial response action. In addition, EAC will ask for information regarding any progress toward identification of a responsible party.
 - Update on the Malvern TCE site by Tim Gallagher (EPA):
 - FDA (Former Disposal Area) is 900 yards to the west of Phoenixville Pike and can be accessed from an old rail bed road parallel to the road.
 - The soil vapor extraction system removed 14,000-15,000 pounds of volatiles. However, due to the clay content of the soil, a point was reached where no additional contaminants were being removed. Soil and groundwater studies have shown that additional remediation is needed.
 - The PRPs have been notified that they will need to come up with a new remedy. A focused FS (FFS) is needed in order to treat remaining contaminants in the soil, which is the source for groundwater contamination. Groundwater is not being used, and there are no issues with vapor intrusion.
 - Soil removal would not be ideal due to expense and creation of extra traffic near the high school. A process of heating soils in place and driving

vapors off of the soil, followed by collection and treatment of the vapors may be proposed. This type of system has been proven in EPA Region 3.

- The FFS is expected in June or July, 2021. EPA will then prepare a proposed plan, schedule a public meeting, and make a record of decision. This process will take about 18 months from receipt of the FFS.
- MPA (Main Plant Area) is a fenced area that can be seen from Phoenixville Pike.
 - Groundwater under the MPA is treated by an AISB system. Water is pulled from ground through a series of wells, amended in the building and then re-injected into the ground. The system has been running continuously since 2007 or 2008. High levels of VOCs are still present, but the AISB system is doing its job.
 - At the MPA, the soil remedy was to place a flat cap over it. The PRP will maintain the cap forever.
- The PRP is actually a group of ~35 companies. They've been good to work with and have realized that sitting around doing nothing just prolongs the site cleanup and makes it more expensive.
- Last year was the five-year review. The findings included the FDA soil issues detailed above and the MPA not having a clean plume line to the east. In July 2020, a new monitoring well was installed and later sampled. All results were below MCL for the contaminants of concern.
- Other Updates:
 - Knickerbocker: No new information regarding environmental document review has been received.
 - The Northern Chester County EAC meeting will be held via Zoom on 2/24/2021.
 - The EAC Network Conference (April 10, 2021) will be held online and registration should be done early.
 - East Whiteland Township has an EAC Charter document. EAC will read the charter and have comments by the next meeting.

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 8:18 PM.

Minutes Submitted by: Laura Paolella, Environmental Advisory Council Secretary