

Environmental Advisory Council

September 18, 2018

Attendance: Darryl Speicher, Patti O'Keefe, Sally Duffy, Kathleen Sandt, Jennifer Mittereder

Discussion was held on recycling in the township. The article from "Township Today" was shared on the problems disposing of the recycled materials now that China is no longer taking them. This is a continuing problem worldwide. The Council will continue to follow this and see what might be done to restore recycling.

Exceptional Value stream designation was discussed. Maintaining the quality of our streams is important not only for wildlife, but as an impact on the quality of life for our citizens. Not only at risk is the aquatic environment itself, but the land surrounding the waterways which provides erosion control, carbon sequestering, and air purification. Recently an article stated that Kalahari spent \$200,000 on protecting the EV stream nearby. This seems like a great deal of money. However, based on their reported cost for the 1.5 million square foot facility at \$350 million dollars (Pocono Record and Morning Call), keeping the stream EV amounts to 0.05% (500th of one percent)

No update on the joint Greenway plan for the Upper Brodhead trail system. We will contact BWA and Gary Bloss to find out the progress on this plan.

Draft Maintenance plan was discussed and updated. Specific suggestions are being incorporated.

Next Meeting on Tuesday, November 20, Evergreen Community Charter School, 6:30 p.m.

Addendum: It was recently noticed that meeting times and location are incorrect in the Village View. In addition, the Open Space Committee is still listed. If this is something that the Township provides, they should notify Phil Dente of the changes.