

Environmental Advisory Council

September 18, 2019

Attendance: Darryl Speicher, Patti O'Keefe, Kathleen Sandt, Jennifer Mitterender

Absent: Sally Duffy

Minutes Approval: The minutes of May, 2019 were approved.

July meeting: This meeting did not have a quorum.

Discussion was held on reviewing well ordinances to include grouting of all wells, including geothermal in order to protect groundwater.

There was concern about the amount of algae at Ice lake this year. One of the best controls is to inoculate the lake with Barley Straw before the algae begins to grow. This would require adding the straw in March. Contact will be made with PARC to use this preventative measure. The use of Grass Carp was mentioned, but is not recommended for Ice Lake because of its flowing into the stream. Although Grass Carp are marketed as sterile, this is not always accurate. Grass Carp kill many native fish.

Discussion was held on the new technology of at-grade, on-lot sewage systems. Information was obtained on line and from MCCD.

Brodhead Watershed Association has received a grant to do Green Infrastructure stormwater management. They are looking for suggestions for areas in Barrett.

Spotted Lantern Fly is a new invasive species in Monroe County. This pest kills hardwood and fruit trees, grapes, and shrubs. Patti will contact the Extension Service to arrange a speaker to provide a program on this problem.

East Stroudsburg University has a program designed to combat diseases associated with ticks. Unfortunately, it is more than just Lyme Disease now. Anyone who finds a tick, either on them or embedded, is asked to send it to ESU for testing. This information will be used to determine where and how the ticks are infected. If you find the tick before it attaches, they are still interested in testing it. Information is available online at [tickcheck.com](http://tickcheck.com).

Darryl and Patti will be leading a hike at Seven Pines and Ice Lake on Oct. 20, 2019 at 1 p.m. It will be advertised in the Village View. In addition, we would like it listed on the Barrett Web site.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting is on November 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Evergreen Community Charter School