

Barrett Township Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

March 16, 2021

Council members in attendance: Darryl Speicher, Sally Duffy, Kathleen Sandt, Jennifer Brown Mittereder, Patti O'Keefe

6:30 pm meeting convened

Discussion of the minutes from the February 16, meeting minutes. Jennifer is going to make corrections prior to acceptance. She will circulate them by email tomorrow for final approval.

Jennifer presented information on Dark Sky communities and the types of regulations that can be adopted to reduce light pollution and intrusive glare. It was agreed that the EAC should continue investigating ordinance language to present to the Supervisors.

There was no further discussion about a community compost program.

The Barrett Bird Club members are excited about getting started recording information about the Township Open Space bird communities in order to build an inventory of the townships biodiversity.

It was discussed that we should develop materials for volunteers to use in documenting invasive species on open space properties. A map of each site and invasive species identification cards so we can begin developing invasive species management strategies for each site.

Patti showed the storm water management plans for the proposed Dollar General redevelopment of the lot adjacent to the ESSA Bank and across from the CVS that is currently the old day care facility. The EAC supports the use of subterranean detention beneath the parking lot in addition to the traditional detention basin next to the parking lot.

Darryl will contact the Pocono Area Recreation Commission on the use of barley straw to control excessive algal growth in Ice Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30