

PALMER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
July 22, 2020, 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 6:34pm. In attendance were Anita Forrester, Tyler Nemura, Ann-Marie Panella, Ginny Sciorra, and Doreen Shaffer. Cindy Oatis, Nancy Nicholas, and Deanne Werkheiser were absent.
2. **RECORDING OF THE MEETING** – Forrester indicated that this meeting would be recorded for the purpose of Oatis creating our minutes and that once the July meeting minutes were approved by the committee, the recording would be destroyed.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Forrester called for a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Sciorra, seconded by Nemura, and approved by all.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (on agenda items only) No public present.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Forrester informed the committee that the 2020 Plan of Action would be going before the board at the Palmer Board of Supervisor Meeting, August 25, 2020, instead of in July, as Panella indicated that the upcoming meeting was cancelled. All committee members are invited to attend. Forrester will address the following and request approval of the Plan as follows:
 - The committee will attend and liaise with the following organizations:
 1. Bushkill Stream Conservancy and the Lehigh Valley Environmental Advisory Council (LVEAC)
 2. Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council (BEAC).
 3. Nurture Nature Center
 - The committee would like permission to move forward with various environmental education including:
 1. Permission to create a Palmer Township ESC Logo suitable to brand their flyers, their page on the Palmer website, and their webinars;
 2. Interactive Webinars
 3. Earth Day Celebration, April 24, 2021, at CCCC (already reserved)
6. **UPDATES/REPORTS**
 - A. LVEAC Report - Sciorra reported on the recent actions taken by the Lehigh Valley Environmental Advisory Council (LVEAC). Forrester and Sciorra both attended the PA EAC two-day conference and learned more about the group's goal to strengthen their initiatives through increased networking with all environmental groups in the Lehigh Valley. Panella suggested that Forrester report on networking with this group and others at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting. The LVEAC compiled and forwarded a survey to all EACs, requesting it be completed and returned. Sciorra will send a copy to all for review and response.
 - B. Forrester reported that the Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Committee (BEAC) has hired a company to assist them in creating a community-wide climate action plan.
 - C. Supervisor's Report – Panella reported on the opening of the pool and the challenges associated with same.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (on non-agenda items only) No members of the public present.
8. **NEXT MEETING: August 26, 2020**
9. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion was made to adjourn by Sciorra, seconded by Nemura, and approved by all.