

# **PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP EAC MEETING MINUTES**

**The Plainfield Township EAC was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 in the meeting room at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building.**

**EAC Members in attendance were:** EAC Chairman Terry Kleintop, Robert Cornman, Vice Chairperson Robin Dingle, Bruce Rabenold, Supervisor Jane Mellert, Don Moore, and Robert Simpson.

**Also in attendance:** Mike Kukles, Ott Consulting Inc., Township Manager Tom Petrucci, and Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Paul Levits.

**EAC Chairman Terry Kleintop opened the meeting at 7:05 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

## **MINUTES**

Terry Kleintop asked for a motion to approve the revised May 11, 2015 minutes. And June 4, 2015 minutes.

**Bob Cornman made a motion to approve the revised May 11, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Don Moore and passed by a unanimous vote.**

**Bob Cornman made a motion to approve the June 4, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Bruce Rabenold and passed by a unanimous vote.**

**Terry Kleintop congratulated Bob Cornman for retiring from Flowserve.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Little Bushkill Creek Sampling Plan – ELM Group, Inc.** Two individuals from the ELM Group, Tom Petrucci, Robin Dingle and Terry Kleintop met on June 10th to review the sampling schedule and make definite decisions on sampling locations and what farm properties will be listed for restoration measures this year.

The ELM Group submitted the revised 2015 Little Bushkill Creek Sampling Plan to the Township office on June 26, 2015. Robin Dingle and Terry Kleintop reviewed the report and recommended additional revisions for the sampling plan and project budget.

On July 13, 2015 Tom Petrucci, Township Manager and Supervisor Jane Mellert met with The ELM Group, Inc. representatives Kimberly Kutzler, Project Manager and Jennifer Wollenberg, Ph.D., PWS The purpose of the meeting was to discuss justification of the sampling locations, budget and correction of the sampling locations shown on the map as Sunoco 1 and 2 (in Stockertown).

Township Manager Tom Petrucci attended the July 14, 2015 Plainfield Township EAC meeting in order to review and discuss The ELM Group's response letter dated July 14, 2015 and moving forward with the 2015 Little Bushkill Creek Sampling Plan.

Tom Petrucci provided a summary of the letter received by The ELM Group dated July 14, 2015. There were concerns over the original scope of work that was submitted on June 26<sup>th</sup>. In order to address the issue the following steps were taken:

- A meeting was held on July 6<sup>th</sup> with Terry Kleintop and Robin Dingle, Board Chairman Randy Heard, Jane Mellert to discuss the revised plan and a letter submitted by The ELM Group to the Board of Supervisors.
- The plan and letter were reviewed with the ELM Group at a meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Attendees at the meeting were Jennifer W. Kimberly Kutzler, Jane Mellert and Tom Petrucci.
- The ELM Group sent a written return regarding the comments from the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The response letter was received after 2:30pm on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Tom Petrucci asked ELM to provide the information that can be submitted to the DEP to justify the sampling plan for coverage by the 2014 PA DEP Growing Greener Grant.
- Terry Kleintop noted that there was going to be monitoring and some of the sampling locations should have been dropped. The amount of sites is not warranted to accomplish what was trying to be accomplished.
- The EAC was requested to comment on the information submitted to determine the following:
  - Whether to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to continue with the plan as submitted with the comments provided by ELM on July 14, 2015
  - Whether additional revisions of the submitted sampling plan and budget are necessary
  - Whether to continue with the project during 2015 with The ELM Group
- It was noted that The ELM Group, Inc. submitted the sampling locations that their firm believes should be sampled. Why the locations are being sampled needs to be justified in the ELM Group report and for the PA DEP Growing Greener Grant.
- The State of PA should be told that the Township is still working on gaining property access, etc. A sampling plan with a budget should be submitted to the state. Terry Kleintop stated that the sampling plan is not the sampling plan to move forward with. The Wind Gap sampling plans were not complete.

**Robert Cornman made a motion to re-group and hold off on moving forward with the program this year and to generate a RFP to be advertised in order to select a contractor by January of 2016. The motion was seconded by Don Moore.**

**Vote**

**Yes – Robert Cornman, Bob Simpson, Bruce Rabenold, Don Moore**

**No – Jane Mellert**

**Abstain – Terry Kleintop and Robin Dingle**

Tom Petrucci will contact Ron Yablonsky at the DEP to discuss the PA DEP Growing Greener Grants and the on-going study.

**Rasleytown Road Bridge Replacement County Bridge #213 at the Little Bushkill Creek General Permit Plan Review**– Ott Consulting Engineers reviewed the application submitted to the PA Department of Environmental Protection

Tom Petrucci noted that the letter from Mike Kukles was sent to the PA DEP and copied to Northampton County and Borton Lawson. The letter was submitted during the 90 day comment period and should be acknowledged. Mr. Petrucci will send a follow up email.

**MS4 Comprehensive Map** – The GIS mapping work of the MS4 locations was started by Keystone Consulting Engineers. Jane Mellert noted that Ott Consulting should have received the information and mapping that Keystone had started and that the current proposal from the ELM Group has 13 MS4 sampling locations for MS4 Outfall Water Quality Sampling, mapping, DEP forms, etc.

Mike Kukles noted that according to the guidelines 40% of the outfalls need to be tested. (The testing was to be covered by the PA DEP Growing Greener Grant and not be totally out of pocket). EAC members are now saying that Ott Consulting may do the samples instead of The ELM Group, Inc. Jane Mellert noted that the EAC requested last year that the sampling be completed by an environmental engineering firm. The reason that ELM was being looked at to provide the testing was because the corporation was already going to be in the field conducting testing and it could be incorporated into the grant.

**Bob Simpson made a motion to have the Board of Supervisors develop a comprehensive map of all of the outfalls within the Township. This will provide information for the MS4. Don Moore seconded the motion. All yes**

**Robin Dingle made a motion to recommend the Road Dept. do inspections of the current outfalls and fill out the forms documenting the work that was done on the pipes. Don Moore seconded the motion. Tom Petrucci put together a form in order to inspect the inlets. This will help to trigger the process. Vote – All yes**

**Bio-Solids** – Mike Kukles noted that the court determined that municipalities cannot regulate bio-solids. The PA DEP provides the oversight and regulations for the application of bio-solids. Jane Mellert noted that the Ordinance that Plainfield Township has in place will be addressed with the codification of the Township Ordinances.

**Mike Kukles noted that the Waste Management Landfill has a weather website.** The website for local weather data is at the Grand Central Sanitary Landfill. The site logs real-time weather data including pressures, wind speeds, and precipitation and stores the data from previous years. The link is [www.grandcentralweather.com](http://www.grandcentralweather.com)

### **Farmland Preservation Map**

Terry Kleintop noted the map that was in the meeting room (farmland preservation) was something that the Township wants to continue with. Joe Lakey from Northampton County provided an updated map to the Township. Terry reviewed the map and additional road names, etc. should be included on the map. Tom Petrucci noted that he spoke to Joe Lakey today and Joe can make the revisions that are necessary. While the map is not the same size as the map that was

on the wall the size of the new map is sufficient. Tom will request the map revisions in time for the Plainfield Township Farmers Fair.

### **PA DEP Growing Greener Plus Grant**

2013 – PA DEP Growing Greener Plus – At this time the reimbursement paperwork has not been submitted.

2014 – Grant Progress – The scope of work changes were submitted to the DEP the grant budget monies were reallocated in March.

2015 – The application was not submitted.

Tom Petrucci asked ELM for the charges for work done by ELM in order to have information for the grant forms. Tom, Robin and Terry will get together in order put the required information together for the grants.

**Northampton County Farmland Preservation** – A letter was received from Maria Bentzoni today. Some of the questions requested in Tom's letter were not answered in the response. Additional minutes from the Northampton County Farmland Preservation Board were requested. The December 2014, January and March 2015 minutes were provided by Maria on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The information submitted will be reviewed.

### **Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company LLC – AECOM Progress Update – Act 14 –**

Tom will look for the easement agreement and research the party that is responsible to maintain the split rail fencing.

AECOM noted that the bridge to be utilized will be made of wooden matting 6 ft. wide by 26 ft. long. The landowner near the area was approached last year and was not agreeable to crossover their property in order to access the stream. They will not approach the landowner again. Terry Kleintop noted that after the fish study is done that the stream will have additional restrictions placed on it regarding times of the year the stream can be accessed. Trout Unlimited will conduct the study on the West Branch.

**Nuisance Ordinance** – Terry Kleintop thinks that the draft is in pretty good shape. He looked at what Bangor did in a recent ordinance to address property issues. Don Moore noted that there are two definitions regarding vehicles on a property.

- Page 2 definitions mention the PA Code of abandoned vehicles
- Page 3 under 2B addresses motor vehicles and classic cars

A discussion was held on the issue of what motor vehicles can remain on a property and what is classified as a classic car. Don Moore would like the draft ordinance to be reviewed on a line by line basis. It was noted that vehicle repair businesses are addressed and time is given in order to comply.

There are nuisances that do need to be addressed. Robert Simpson suggested that instead of going line by line we need to ask what we need the ordinance to do.

The review of the draft ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

**Tree Harvesting Review** – Bruce Rabenold noted there has been logging along the Plainfield Township trail. He suggested that a buffer zone is needed along the Plainfield Township trail.

Jane Mellert noted that she walked the area of the trail that was in question and the area where the timbering occurred along the trail is not that large of a span. Terry noted that the riparian buffer zone would need to be increased along the trail. A buffer ordinance was passed a couple of years ago along the stream. The Northampton County Conservation District office needs to be involved in the tree harvesting. Tom Petrucci is aware of the concerns, has reviewed the timbering that occurred, and will do follow up with the Zoning Officer. Two letters from John Lezoche with pictures were copied to the EAC members.

The draft Nuisance Ordinance will be on the top of the list for the next meeting.

Bob Cornman and Bob Simpson cannot make the August EAC meeting. A new date will need to be determined.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

**Bob Cornman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 pm. The motion was seconded by Don Moore and passed by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Mellert, EAC Secretary