Environmental Advisory Council

Jefferson Hills Borough, Pennsylvania

Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2021

**Attendance**

Roll call, including Zoom participation: Lori Bartrug, Rick Moore, Terry Ackman, Tom Donohue, Ale Hakala, & Joey Lynch; John Stinner, Borough Mgr.

**US Steel Clairton Works.**

Lori, Tom, Terry, Kevin met with Clairton on October 20, 2021. A PowerPoint by US Steel was presented detailing the equipment, regulations, environmental reports. Tom provided minutes of the meeting to the EAC members for their review and additions.

Terry pointed out that one of the things Clairton mentioned was less traffic contributed more to the lower air pollution as well as a battery at the Clairton Plant being removed from service.

They also discussed US Steel’s plan going carbon neutral.

Ale provided some information on carbon capture storage and the funding for it. There have been some pilot studies and full scale testing of the technology is to be done soon.

The minutes of the U. S. Steel meeting will be published on the Borough website. A few sentence caption on the Borough’s main page is recommended to attract attention to the meeting notes since EAC information is somewhat buried under several clicks from the main page.

As follow-ups the EAC should:

1. Review the information from ACHD and US Steel to determine any gaps in information or discrepancies.
2. Respond to U.S. Steel’s offer to EAC members to tour the Clairton Plant (in a vehicle)
3. Offer Michael Rhoads, Clairton Plant Manager, to post his Power Point Presentation on Borough website.

**Walk Works Application**

Jefferson hills was not awarded the grant.

Most of multimodal grants are very competitive right now due to covid. Takeaway was the beginning of reviewing Jefferson Hills overall 10 year comprehensive plan in regard to transportation infrastructure. There will be a steering committee with members of the community providing input to the planning process.

**Beedle Park**

First step for Beedle Park is to build the roads in the park before beginning the infrastructure

improvements. Connection to Walton Road will be difficult.

Potential plans for additional fields at Beedle Park. There is also the potential of a trail in Beedle Park.

Also, there is an expansion of the Montour Trail into the community. Ned Williams with MTC is planning the sidewalk in front of the Slater Funeral Home and Clark Testing to the park and ride lot.

**Hazardous Waste Program**

John Stinner introduced the Waste Management program for hazardous waste disposal for household special material.

Michael Cris from West Management– Discusses At home Waste pickups at the residents. This is completely

separate from the regular pickup. This is on call pickup that residents would schedule. A kit would be

sent out and instruction provided of what is taken and what is done with the waste. 98-99% is sent back

to manufactures for recycling. SHACOG pricing is $0.79 per home per month for 2022. Pricing would

likely increase for 2023 but only about $0.05 per month.

Waste management would assist with the communication to the resident. The EAC suggested to Mr. Crist clarification should be made that the limits documented on the handout is per pickup.

This program was developed with coordination with PADEP through PA Cleanways to keep these hazardous goods out of landfills.

**The EAC all agreed this is a good program for the community** **and would support this proposal to Borough Council.**

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**Adoption of Peters Creek Rd**

Scouts (Rick) and or U.S. Steel (Kevin)

The Scouts and U.S. Steel to send a letter to John Stinner requesting approval for adopting a portion of Peters creek by Troop 210 from Whitehall, PA.

After approval by Borough Council the adoption entities can register with the state here:

<https://www.keeppabeautiful.org/programs/adoptions/>

Further discussion on the trouble areas in the borough that have trash issues. Signs and cameras have been used to detour trash / property damage.

Lori to organize a day for EAC members to go out and identify areas in the Borough to target for a borough wide cleanup and possible areas for mounting fake cameras with owners’ permission.

**Beneficial Use of Mining**

Terry has obtained a file from DEP of 150 mine maps. Viewing them has been a problem with the Borough’s software and Mike, the borough engineer, is discussing possibilities with Gateway.

One of several goals is to have an overlay to identify where in the borough the mines are located.

MS 4 is storm water management regulations, which require trace mineral recovery from stream sediment.

The mine maps may provide good information for that potential mandate.

**Transport of drilling waters by barge on Monongahela**.

Tom to inquire with a barge transport company about their safety.

**Forever chemicals in the water**

Follow on discussion about PFAS and the potential issues in the borough. John Thatcher is inquiring with

the fire department about the type of foam the fire department uses.

Also discussed Resin Superfund Site in the borough from Eastman Kodak’s operations. Rick mentioned PFAS concerns have resulted in reopening some closed Superfund sites. He also mentioned new ucmr5 regulations that will require testing of additional PFAS chemicals to lower limits due to better lab technologies. John mentioned the broken sewer line that resulted in the reopening of the cap on this superfund site and the high costs resulting from this repair.

Tom to contact Belle Vernon Municipal Authority’s Supervisor to see if they would discuss PFAS testing in water supplies. Note; The PA American Water Authority’s intake for Jefferson Hills Water and most of the south hills is in El Rama.

**General Business**

Discussion of EAC meeting and Zoom. Wednesdays are still good for those on the call.

Lori Motioned to adjourn, Terry Second. Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Next (and last) meeting date for the year is November 17th

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