**Environmental Advisory Council**

**Jefferson Hills Borough, Pennsylvania**

**May 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Roll Call:** Members: Dave Graffam (new member), Rick Moore, Lorie Bartrug, Tom Donohue; Christine Wier-Ripley, Kevin Polick, Borough Mgr. John Stinner

One position is available for an appointment- John indicated that there are a few applicants.

**Mineral Run Pollution**

A resident contacted EAC about potential pollution in steam near their property on Stilly Road. Tom and Rick met with resident. Mineral Run flows through the property visited. Minor discoloration was observed (white precipitate). The discoloring was likely aluminum from past mining activities. There are mine spoil piles along the stream up steam of this property visited. The resident was happy that we came to the property and provided information about what the coloration might be from. The resident was going to keep an eye on it to see if it gets worse, particularly when it rains or is very dry.

**Discussion on Benzene in Ambient Air in Mon-Valley**

Follow-on discussion on the meeting with the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP).

US Steel presented information at the May 2023 voting meeting to discuss Benzene. EAC discussed the data from the EIP and what US Steel presented at the Borough meeting. EAC needs more information on what the two entities are collecting and what the data should be compared to before the EAC can make an opinion statement on Benzene in the Mon-Valley. John suggested having another conversation with EIP to discuss the data collected .

**New Borough Website and EAC Information**

Several website examples were provided to Caitlin Dinardo with some input on how they could be used for the borough website and for EAC information to the community.

**Marcellus Gas Drilling**

Update on proposed Marcellus Gas Well pad in Union Twp. (Sarah Well Pad) – no new information.

**Abandoned Gas Wells and Mines**

Tom has received old mine mapping and contact information from Terry and will attempt to find abandoned gas well locations in the borough.

Discussion on what this information could be used for with the age of the data. Some gas well information only goes back to the 1950s. Some of the old wells were “abandoned” meaning the owner did not properly close the well with cement. A properly abandoned well would prevent any fugitive gasses from being released.

**US Steel Clairton Coke Works Air Quality Discussion**

No new information. Kevin indicated that the Citizens advisory Panel would be meeting in June. Kevin would provide an update.

**Open discussion**

**Glass recycling:**

Discussed providing an update to Borough residents on the recycling of Glass. There has not been a widespread announcement that Waste Management is collecting glass again. Rick indicated that the borough facebook page would be a good place for such an announcement. John indicated that Caitlin could put together an announcement.

**Cleanup days and litter pickup in Borough:**

Rick brought up the cancelation of the last 2 annual cleanup events for litter control in the borough. Asked what the EAC could do. John indicated that groups could simply contact the borough and do a cleanup when ever they wanted. Having individual cleanups may be better than continuing for only one large cleanup each year. Rick indicated that Troop 210 would be contacting the borough to schedule their cleanup of Peters Creek Road. Using Facebook to publicize groups that are doing cleanups may entice other groups to also have a cleanup.

Meeting ended 7:45 pm.

**Remaining EAC meeting dates for 2023:**

June 28

July – No meeting

August – No meeting

September 27

October 25

November 29

December – No meeting