

PRESERVING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE IN PARADISE TOWNSHIP

The Paradise Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) works with the Board of Supervisors to help preserve and protect the environment for the benefit of all. The EAC meets the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building on Route 940. The public is welcome!

What does the EAC do?

Where is the Township's preserved land?

About the Knauf Farm Preserve

About the Nothstein Preserve

Hiking trails in the Township

How can I use the parks and preserved land?

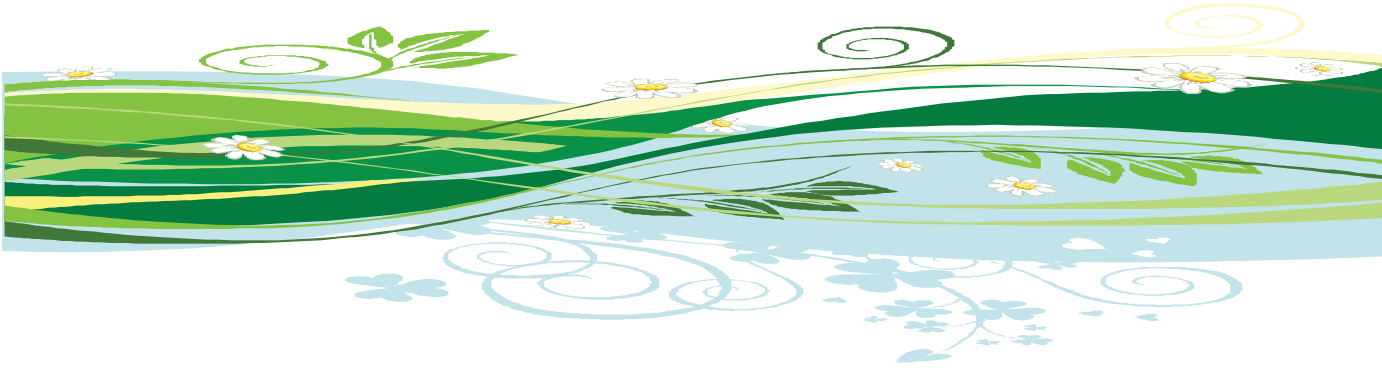
Who are the members of the EAC?

How can I help?

Full text of the EAC Ordinance

Current Agenda and Minutes of the EAC

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What does the EAC do?

Pennsylvania law allows a township to establish an Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). The EAC acts as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors. You can find the *full text of the ordinance here*. But briefly, the job of the EAC is to

- Identify environmental problems.
- Recommend ways to promote and conserve our natural resources and to protect and improve quality of the environment in Paradise Township.
- Recommend uses of preserved lands in the Township.
- Promote a community environmental program.
- Identify a list of unique natural areas.
- Advise the Board of Supervisors about acquiring property.
- Carry out requests of the Board of Supervisors related to protecting the environment.



CHAPTER 6 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ARTICLE 1

§ 6-1. Title. § 6-6. Chairman

§ 6-2. Composition. § 6-7. Powers.

§ 6-3. Appointments. § 6-8. Records and minutes.

§ 6-4. Compensation. § 6-9. Funding.

§ 6-5. Advisory.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Paradise on September 3, 2002.]

§ 6-1. Title.

An advisory council to be known as the Paradise Township Environmental Advisory Council, is hereby created and shall continue to function until this ordinance is revoked.

§ 6-2. Composition.

The Environmental Advisory Council shall be composed of five residents of this municipality.

§ 6-3. Appointments.

Council members shall be appointed in accordance with the following procedures:

A. All council members shall be appointed by the Governing Body of the political subdivision.

B. Council members' terms of office shall expire on the first Monday in January following the last year of their term of office.

C. Duly appointed council members shall serve a term of three years, except that initial appointment shall be so staggered that the terms of approximately one-third of the membership shall expire each year.

D. Whenever possible, one member shall also be a member of the local planning commission.

§ 6-4. Compensation.

Council members shall receive no compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for the expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

§ 6-5. Advisory.

The Environmental Advisory Council is to be advisory to and shall coordinate its activities with the elected officials, planning commission and other such local governmental agencies.

§ 6-6. Chairman.

The governing body shall designate the chairman of the council.

§ 6-7. Powers.

The Environmental Advisory Council shall have the following powers:

- A. Identify environmental problems.
- B. Recommend plans and programs to the appropriate agencies for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within the area of this municipality.
- C. Make recommendation as to the possible use of open land areas of this municipality.
- D. Promote a community environmental program.
- E. Keep and index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including, but not limited to, flood prone areas, swamps, and other unique natural areas.
- F. Advise the appropriated local governmental agencies in the acquisition of property, both real and personal.
- G. To undertake such environmental tasks as requested by the governing body of this municipality.

§ 6-8. Records and minutes.

The Environmental Advisory Council shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report which shall be printed in the annual municipal report (if applicable) or otherwise made known and available. Minutes of each meeting shall be forwarded to the governing body.

§ 6-9. Funding.

The governing body of this municipality may, from time to time, appropriate funds for the expenses incurred by the Council.

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Who are the members of the EAC?

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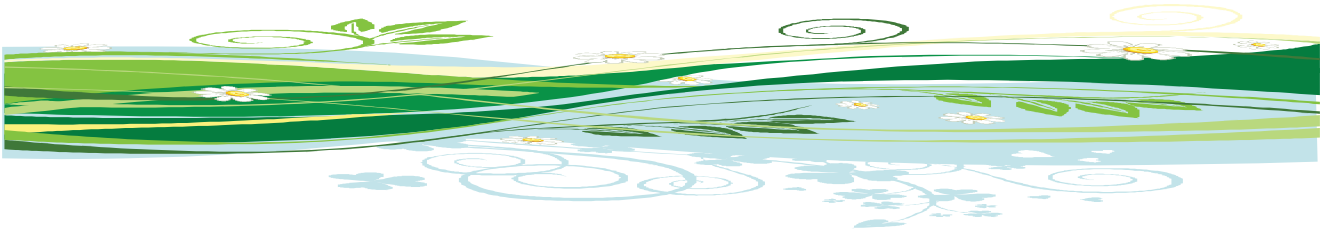
Carol Hillestad, chair

Michael Flood

Don Miller

Eddie Stevens

If you are interested in becoming a member, alternate or volunteer, please call Carol Hillestad at 570 629-2727 or submit your letter of interest to the Township at RR1 Box 1226, Cresco, PA 18326



Minutes and Agendas

Paradise Environmental Advisory Council

Notes of January 14, 2010 meeting

Present: EAC/OS members Edie Stevens, Michael Flood, Cheryl Phillips, Paul Reisch, Don Miller & Carol Hillestad, and citizens Joyce Raczko, Bill Raczko, and Paul Fancher

Reorganization Carol is chair, Edie vice chair, and together they share secretary duties. Meeting date will be the second Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building

Official Map We reviewed the purposes of the Official Map and discussed the ordinances. Carol will follow up to find out whether:

- EAC members are protected from legal liability resulting from their recommendations to the BOS
- Carson can make the language of the ordinances consistent with our existing “plain English” approach

She will also find out how the number system fits with our ordinances. A quick look at <http://www.chestnuthilltwp-pa.gov/ordinances.htm> shows that their language is very similar to these draft ordinances. A Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2010 with BOS, Monroe County Planning Commission and Carson Helfrich.

Commercial Construction ordinance – Deb has our comments and will incorporate.

Open Space The Knob has been acquired by Mt Pocono and they are pursuing the Little Knob. Echo Farm owners will meet with Township reps on Thursday, January 22 to discuss sales agreement. Funding application sent to DCNR in April 2009. The Twp is not interested in Barthold at this time, PHLT believes it is an important piece. Fairview Water Co awaits the results of DCNR’s grant announcements. Don will discuss Pocono Gardens pocket park & trail connections at the meeting with CECO/Kingfisher et al re Mt Airy’s Greenway review on March 2.

Kiosk grant request approved Reda to meet with Ellen Ferrenti to take next steps

Trash-recycling-composting education plan Carol will write application for WREN grant, based on non-point source pollution control benefits.

New candidates for EAC members/volunteers Paul Fancher and Bill Raczko joined the meeting tonight to determine their interest in becoming either members of the EAC or volunteers. Judy Jabara expressed interest in volunteering, Carol will follow up with her.

Bridge planters Reda suggested starting over again. Carol will see if Sen Mellow or Rep Scavello can help.

Trails – Don received permission from Greensprings developer to map out a trail on the sewage treatment plant parcel that would connect Mt. Airy with The Knob. Thence, there is only one property to be crossed (the Little Knob) to reach Kurmes, State Gamelands, and on to Skytop. Don has written a proposal to assist with planning, management and development of the Township’s open space, particularly focusing on trails. He will finalize this proposal and the EAC will forward it to the BOS with the recommendation to implement it.

Other

Can the EAC have a page accessed from the Township’s website? This would provide a place for info on open space, parks, trails, as well as environmental issues such as composting, recycling, etc. Since she is trained in how to update A Sound Strategy websites, Carol could do the updating so as not to put an additional burden on Elaine. Carol will followup.

Eddie reviewed the PC meeting – Henryville Flyfishers amended conditional use application for a clubhouse - forwarded to the Supervisors with a recommendation for approval. Cingular cell tower on Berman property - time waiver received and review postponed. Greensprings sewage treatment system conditional use application and amendment to Township Official Sewage Plan - forwarded to the Supervisors with a recommendation to approve, with conditions. She will encourage the PC to ask the EAC to review new plans as they come in.



-Next meeting February 11

Paradise Environmental Advisory Council

February 11, 2010 agenda

Forest Management Plan

Michael Roche will explain the process of getting a Forest Management Plan done on the Township’s open space properties

Official Map

Work Session has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, March 2 at 5:00 p.m. with BOS, Monroe County Planning Commission and Carson Helfrich. Carson will make any changes needed and forward to the Twp Planning Commission. After we have “Proposed

Ordinances” and the “Proposed Official Map,” we can start discussing the public meeting dates.

Commercial Construction ordinance – Deb has our comments and is working on this.

Open Space Map/brochure for Township

Page on the Township Website – suggestions for info?

Trash-recycling-composting education plan Status of WREN grant

Bridge planters



Next meeting March 11, 2010