

***Paradise Township EAC***

Minutes of meeting

February 11, 2010

*Present: Cheryl Phillips, Paul Reisch, Edie Stevens, Don Miller, Bill Raczko, Carol Hillestad Guest: Mike Roche*

*Forest Management Plan* – Mike Roche, service forester with DCNR, reviewed the process for getting a Forest Management Plan done on the Township’s open space properties (or private properties, anything of 5 acres or more). In addition to providing for the health, longevity, and beauty of forested land, having a Forest Management Plan can open up new sources of funding. Funding from the state is available for up to one-half of the consulting forester’s fee, but is swiftly being allocated. Next round of funding would probably be in July. Carol will ask to be on a BOS agenda to discuss this possibility. It would be good for Mt. Airy to have a Forest Management Plan to round out their Greenway plan which focuses on water.

We discussed the Hatchery timbering, affecting Paradise Falls Lutheran Association. An offer to “repair the berm” was made in exchange for using PFLA roads to access the timber harvest on the west side of Paradise creek.

*Work sessions* – some confusion still exists about coming work sessions. Carol will confirm with Reda & email all.

*Official Map* -- work session set for Tuesday, March 2 at 5:00 p.m. with BOS, Monroe County PC 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 public meetings.

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

*Open Space* Map/brochure for Township. More work needs to be done on the map; Dawn Gorham is helping. Carol will email copy for the brochure to EAC members.

*Page on the Township Website* – Comments on proposed homepage were reviewed, with suggestion that clickable links to environmental topics should be provided. Carol will follow up with Elaine.

*Trash-recycling-composting education plan* WREN grant application is being developed. Partnering with others, such as Brodhead Creek Regional Authority, would improve chances.

*Bridge planters* – Mario Scavello now involved.

*Trails* Don will complete his proposal for working on trails in the Township, the EAC will review costs and deliverables at our next meeting. Carol will followup with Reda re

the VanSciver interest in a “trial period” by leasing a trail easement from Township building area to Skywood.

As part of Brodhead and Paradise Greenway Plan , Scenic Byways should include 191 and 940 in Paradise Valley as well as route 447, *Next meeting March 11, 2010*