

Upper Delaware Council
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 22, 2016

Committee Members Present: Larry Richardson, David Dean, Fred Peckham, Harold Roeder, Jr., Susan Sullivan, Alan Henry, Aaron Robinson, Jeff Dexter
Committee Members Absent: Debra Conway
NPS Partner: None
Staff: Laurie Ramie, Cindy Odell
Guests: None

The UDC's Project Review Committee held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at the Council office in Narrowsburg, NY. Chairperson Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:17 p.m.

A motion to approve the October 25 meeting minutes was made by Peckham, seconded by Roeder and carried.

Discussion Items Report: Ramie noted that Golod prepared the written report provided in members' packets on November 10th prior to his scheduled vacation. She covered some of the highlights of the report.

Project Review Update

New York

Town of Lumberland:

Camp Simcha: Ramie said a response from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to the Council's October 11 letter regarding the Camp Simcha Waste Water Treatment Plant and the use of pesticides in Lake Diana was received on November 18th. A copy of that letter was provided in members' packets. The letter states that the facility requested and was granted a SPDES Permit modification to increase discharge flows from 17,500 GPD to 45,000 GPD. The letter also states that Camp Simcha applied for and was issued aquatic pesticide permits for the use of Sonar SRP in 2015 and 2016. An application of Sonar SRP was made during the 2016 season, however no pesticides were applied in 2015. Richardson feels the response satisfies the Council's questions and noted the issue can be "put to rest" for the time being.

Pennsylvania

Wayne County:

Ramie said it has been reported that a lawsuit has been filed against the DRBC by the Wayne Land and Mineral Group, LLC challenging the long standing drilling moratorium imposed by them. She noted that three senators, including Senator Lisa Baker, have filed to join the lawsuit. The senators argue that the DRBC has improperly taken authority determining who may or may not pursue drilling operations in the basins, even though this authority has been addressed through existing state regulations.

Berlin Township: Ramie said that Golod was able to obtain additional information about Stourbridge Energy, LLC's proposal for an electric generating station in Berlin Township. His written report contains that information.

A brief discussion about drilling and DRBC regulations took place.

A brief discussion about the proposed electric generating plant in Berlin Township took place. Richardson noted that the proposed project is outside the river corridor. Henry confirmed that it was.

Resource Specialist's Report:

Ramie reported that Golod was accepted into the Penn State Graduate Certification Program in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The course is to begin in January 2017.

Ramie said that Golod is investigating another upgraded Waste Water Treatment Facility in Berlin Township.

New Business

Town of Delaware Zoning Discussion: Ramie said the question was recently raised whether the UDC had ever acted upon the Town's 2013 zoning amendments. She said a May 2013 letter was sent to the Park Service recommending substantial conformance. A June 26, 2013 letter from then Superintendent Sean McGuinness acknowledged the receipt of the UDC letter and stated that the final version of Local Law No. 4 had not yet been referred by the Planning Board to the Town Board, requested that the Project Review Committee review any changes made to this zoning law, and update the Council's recommendation at that time. Ramie said that this follow-up review was not conducted to her knowledge. She said that Golod will conduct a substantial conformance review of the Town of Delaware Zoning Law #4 from 2013 to make an updated committee recommendation to the NPS for a final determination report.

Other: Henry wanted to be sure that a tracking system to monitor UDC correspondence to and from the NPS was going to be implemented. Ramie said that one will be developed.

Referring back to Golod's Discussion Items Report, Henry said he is unsure that the Waste Water Treatment Facility in Berlin Township that Golod is investigating flows into the Lackawaxen River. Ramie said that she would direct that question to Golod.

Old Business

Reply from NYS DEC: Camp Simcha Wastewater Treatment Plant: Richardson said this was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Red Alert Emergency Phones Presentation Follow-up: Ramie said we still have not received a response to our September 29 letter to Keith Haviland, Major Account Executive for Frontier Communications requesting that the Frontier engineering team evaluate the existing infrastructure at the six suggested sites, determine property ownership and who has jurisdiction over the existing poles, and costs and monthly charges. After a brief discussion, it was decided to contact Keith Haviland and request a status update.

Project Review Workbook Update: Ramie reported that Jamie Myers of the NPS has come up with a map for the Project Review Guides. Ramie showed members a copy of the map noting it will be in both copies of the Guides. Ramie stated that the map was designed to be simple as it is not for direction or tourism, but to be used for Project Review purposes. Ramie said that research and revisions continue to advance the two Guides to the draft stage for review. We are trying to make the Guides as user-friendly as possible for the two audiences that will be using them, Ramie added.

Other: Dexter said that Damascus Township compared the GIS map provided by the National Park Service with Wayne County's GIS map. He noted that in Pennsylvania, they are bound by law to use the County's official maps. He reported there is a discrepancy where the corridor boundary is in Damascus Township between the two maps. A brief discussion about this took place. Robinson said that Shohola Township has the same issue.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion by Peckham, seconded by Roeder to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. was carried unanimously.