

HARVEYS LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The Harveys Lake Environmental Advisory Council was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at the General Municipal Authority Building, Harveys Lake, Pa. Chairman Jason Miller called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present –Jason Miller, Jerry Brown, Mike Daley, Maureen Devine, Sid Halsor and Councilman Lew Evans

Absent –Ian Barchock A quorum was present. Audience – 0

REORGANIZATION - HL Borough Council has reappointed all members of the Board and Denise Sult

Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chair –

Sid Halsor nominated Jason Miller as Chairman, seconded by Maureen Devine

Sid Halsor nominated Ian Barchock as Vice Chairman, seconded by Maureen Devine

All in favor, motions passed.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: January 14, 2025 Minutes . Motion to accept made by Sid Halsor, seconded by Mike Daley. All in favor, motion passed.

INCOMING COMMUNICATIONS: Citizen's Bank Statement –December 31, 2024 - \$2331.72

OUTGOING COMMUNICATIONS: January 14, 2025 Minutes and February 11, 2025 meeting reminder notices sent to Board Members.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Hydrilla – No updates – Councilman Evans said there are several grants (Army Corps) for invasive plants. He will look into it further. Will pass onto Princeton Hydro. Maureen Devine asked about Princeton Hydro. Jason Miller stated that they applied for a DEP grant, but it was denied because lake water has reached TMDL levels. Areas where hydrilla has grown back because of no continued treatment were discussed.
- 2) Algae Blooms - No updates
- 3) Stream between Beach Club and Fish & Boat Commission. Councilman Lew Evans said everything put on hold until Spring 2025.
- 4) Boat Cleaning Stations AIS boxes- Sid Halsor has installed sign at Boat Launch. Sand was in AIS Box.

- 5) As soon as flyer is done, Sid Halsor will post it on Kiosk at Boat Launch.
- 6) Other business –
 - a) Recycling – Jason Miller – Councilman Evans asked several times for tonnage bill report.
 - b) DAMA Composting – Jason Miller stated they have limited hours during winter.
 - c) Maureen Devine – Flyers water quality –Lew Evans suggested copies should be put at local colleges. Maureen Devine did update pictures, sent to PDF. She made adjustments per Sid Halsor. After hit QR Code you can go into different items. Discussion followed on 2015 fertilizer letter. Update letter send to Council Ordinance #1-1997 Chapter 24A. Maureen talked to Wilkes University and Misericordia University. On flyer need separate page for Hydrilla & Algae. Everyone is to send their info about themselves to Maureen for the flyer. Councilman Evans said we should encourage residents to go to website.
- 7) Well Water Testing – Mike Daley – no updates – possibly spring. He has had no response from Brian Oram. Sid Halsor will reach out to him.
- 8) Maureen Devine looked into Luzerne Foundation. The board had some questions. She posed them to the Luzerne Foundation response attached. We can set up account with their help. A shoreline homeowners association was discussed. Contribute/donate environmentally to keep Harveys Lake water clean, clear and safe. Donators would be an approved tax deduction – get receipt 501C3 Foundation. The Foundation will send out letters to residents. We need to keep money separate from Borough Council accounts. Toxic algae was discussed and years ago it shut down the lake. We need funding for testing equipment.
- 9) PALMS – State College – March 5th & 6th. Need to register. Jerry Brown said he would attend. EAC will reimburse Board Members for conference cost and one night's room.
- 10) NFWF Grant – National Fish & Wildlife Foundation – 3 years ago Princeton Hydro got grant for around \$90,000. It has been approved but has just been sitting there. Need to be done by May. Councilman Evans met with Mark Hartshorne and reached out to Council. Councilman Clarence Hogan gave him permission to move forward. Jason Miller will make copy of what EAC needs to do to complete the 9 tasks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion on compensation for Denise Sult's EAC secretary position. The Borough Council appointed her with no compensation. Councilman Evans said it was an oversight and will be straightened out at next week's HL Borough Council meeting.
- 2) Ian Barchock discussed dock de-icers/ice eater/bubblers. There is no enforcement. There was a nice posting on Facebook about the ice on the lake and Ian may repost it.

Remarks from the floor (ask for any remarks from the public) if anyone wants to speak, ask them to stand, state name and area they live in. They have 5 minutes to speak- None

ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting is on March 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Miller asked for motion to adjourn. Mike Daley made motion, seconded Jerry Brown. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Sult, EAC Secretary