

**POCONO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
April 18, 2012**

MINUTES

Chairman Frank Hess opened the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: F. Hess, Chairman; H. Werkheiser, Vice Chairman; Frank Froio, Township Administrator; J. Tresslar, Township Engineer; Jeffrey Durney, Township Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

Representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection presented an overview of the remediation of the Yuhas dump site project. A long discussion followed concerning the utilization of the property as a dump site, the nature of the contaminants that may be present, previous remediation work and the current plans for remediation. The principal object of the remediation work will be to move the Dry Sawmill Run to a new channel and to contain the waste behind a mechanically stabilized earth wall (MSE wall). The waste pile will be graded, covered and planted with vegetation. There were numerous questions and comments from the public in attendance.

The DEP representatives (Jim Kunkle and Meg Boyer) reviewed in detail the April 16, 2012 letter DEP submitted from AECOM, which responded to the Act 167 Consistency Letter dated January 20, 2012, issued by Mr. Tresslar. In connection with the proposed remedial work, the DEP sought seven (7) separate Requests for Modification from the Stormwater Management Ordinance (#138):

1. Section 303.I.6.b.ii regarding disturbance of wetland buffers
2. Section 303.I.8.c/303.I.8.b regarding activities in stream buffers
3. Section 304 regarding groundwater recharge (infiltration/recharge/bioretenion)
4. Section 305.A regarding managing of stormwater runoff
5. Section 301.G/303.I.7 regarding drainage easements, stream buffer requirements
6. Section 403.B.19 regarding access easement
7. Section 701.B regarding performance guarantee

H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to adjourn to executive session to review certain legal issues with the Township Solicitor. The Board adjourned briefly to executive session and reconvened approximately 10 minutes later.

The Board reviewed its concerns with the DEP representative, specifically its concern about a monitoring plan for the stream and the private wells on the properties surrounding the dump site. The Board also advised DEP that it would need to make arrangements with the respective property owners if it wanted to access the site from locations other than the driveway to the Yuhas property.

H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to grant the Requests for Modification attached as Exhibit B in the April 16, 2012 correspondence from AECOM subject to (i) the Applicant providing supplemental data to the Township Engineer satisfying the concerns set forth in the Engineer's January 20, 2012 review letter and (ii) the submission of a monitoring/sampling program covering both the stream and private wells on the surrounding properties satisfactory to the Township Engineer and approved by the Board of Supervisors. Roll call vote: H. Werkheiser, yes; F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Roll call vote: H. Werkheiser, yes; F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.