

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD**

RCSOB, 16<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, DELAWARE ROOM

HARRISBURG, PA

March 7, 2017

**Voting Members Present:**

Adam Cutler

Arthur Frank

Hazem Hijazi

Kirk Jalbert

John Waffenschmidt

Eli Brill (via webex)

Allison Robinson (via webex)

**DEP Staff Present:**

Nora Alwine

Carl Jones

Greg Kauffman

Lisa Daniels

Abbey Cadden

Glenda Davidson

**Members of the Public**

Patrick Clark (Friends of Lackawanna)

Sharon Cuff (Friends of Lackawanna)

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Arthur Frank welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Presentations**

**Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority Update:**

Lisa Daniels, Director of the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, indicated that DEP's investigation is still ongoing. DEP will remain involved until it is assured that PWSA can routinely provide safe drinking water to its consumers.

**Legislative Update:**

Greg Kauffman, standing in for Sarah Clark, the Director of Legislative Affairs, stated that the legislature is in the middle of the budget hearing process. DEP's budget hearing before the House Appropriations Committee was on February 27; the Senate hearing is scheduled for March 9.

The Department continues to monitor legislation that is being filed. Some of DEP's legislative priorities this year are: 1) attempting to fix the Covered Device Recycling Act so CRT televisions are not piling up in alleyways and being dumped along roadsides; 2) finding new

revenues for the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund with the phase out of the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax, which will also have applications for brownfield sites and old industrial sites; and 3) finding revenues for the Underground Storage Tank Fund.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman Arthur Frank requested a motion to approve the Minutes of December 14, 2016. Adam Cutler made a motion that the Minutes be approved, which was seconded by Kirk Jalbert and unanimously approved. Minutes adopted.

**OEJ Update:**

OEJ Director Carl Jones advised that John Brakeall will be joining the office as an EJ coordinator for both the southcentral and northcentral regions.

Director Jones gave an update on a newly created intra-agency task force focusing on establishing a collaborative way to equity issues across the Commonwealth. This task force is being led by the DOH.

**Presentation**

**Keystone Landfill Expansion:**

Patrick Clark and Sharon Cuff with Friends of Lackawanna provided a presentation about opposition to the Keystone Sanitary Landfill in northeastern Pennsylvania, Lackawanna County.

**Public Comment:**

A student chose to attend the EJAB meeting because she has an interest in environmental justice.

**EJ Viewer and GIS Discussion:**

The board viewed and discussed the beta version of the new EJ viewer.

**Delphia Approach to Board Focus Area**

Chairman Arthur Frank had previously asked each member to provide a list of three important topics for the Board to address over time. Having compiled the list, Dr. Frank asked the Board members to review the topics and individually prioritize the top five.

**Executive Session Board Strategic Planning**

**New/Unfinished Business:**

Director Carl Jones reminded the Board of the remaining 2017 EJAB meeting dates: June 6, August 1, and November 14.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Arthur Frank requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hazem Hijazi made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded by Adam Cutler. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.