

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD

RCSOB, 16TH FLOOR, DELAWARE ROOM

HARRISBURG, PA

June 6, 2017

Voting Members Present:

Arthur Frank
Hazem Hijazi
Kirk Jalbert
John Waffenschmidt

Members Present via Webex:

Adam Cutler

Non-Members:

Carl Jones
Nora Alwine
John Brakeall
Abbey Cadden
Glenda Davidson

Call to Order:

Chairman Arthur Frank welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Presentation:

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership

Jerry Walls, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Alice Trowbridge, Greenway Coordinator, for the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership detailed the Partnership's mission to envision, create, and sustain a greenway along the Susquehanna River to enhance river towns and the lives of current and future generations.

OEJ Update:

Carl Jones outlined specifics of the recent Environmental Justice Listening Sessions held in nine locations across the state and detailed four of the overarching themes from those sessions. Carl and the EJ coordinators will synthesize the transcripts, present that information for discussion at the upcoming August EJAB meeting, and ultimately provide the information to the Secretary for the development of next steps.

Presentation:

Chesapeake Research Consortium

Reggie Parrish, Diversity Workgroup Coordinator for the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office, and Darius Stanton, Diversity Implementation Coordinator for the Chesapeake Research Consortium, discussed bay watershed issues directly correlated with disenfranchised communities within the bay program.

Legislative Update:

Legislative Director Sarah Clark provided an update on legislation being monitored by the Department, including:

- Appropriations Bill passed by the House and sent to the Senate which would cut the budgets of all the agencies by 6.5%;
- Bill introduced by Senator Yudichak to amend the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act to authorize needed funding from the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund;
- Act 527 Bill for sewage planning introduced by Senator Yaw which would allow applicants to submit alternate systems and requires DEP to accept them;
- House version and Senate version of a Bill which would amend the Solid Waste Management Act to take away the waste designation for steel slag;
- Senate Bill 646 which would amend Act 101, the Recycling Act, to remove the sunset date for the recycling fee;
- Resolution introduced by Senator Yudichak to develop a lead task force to study lead exposure;
- Package moving through the House which would allow boroughs, incorporated towns, first class townships, and cities to assess stormwater fees; and
- Bill introduced by Senator Scarnati amending the Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act to change the standard used to determine whether an underground mining plan approved by DEP can be challenged on the issue of whether it prevents temporary or permanent damage to surface streams.

Presentation:

Air Quality Update

Nick Lazor, of DEP's Division of Air Quality Monitoring, provided a review of the Department's National Ambient Air Quality Standards, Pennsylvania's monitoring networks, air monitoring data, air quality forecasting, and attainment/non-attainment status.

Executive Session Board Strategic Planning

Adjournment

Chairman Arthur Frank requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carl Jones made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded by Hazem Hijazi. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.