

Instructions for Trespass Towing Applicants (Revised January 2019) Minutes  
Advisory Commission on Environmental Quality (CEQ)  
April 25, 2018, 7 PM

Jefferson Building, Chesapeake Room, **105** W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

CEQ meeting dates, membership information, and reports are available online  
Here: [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/ceq/index.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/ceq/index.html)

Attendance: Lois Jacobs, Glenn Elseroad, Kui Zhao, Brian Fath, Carol Newill, Linda Davis,  
Valerie Androutsopoulos, Karen Wynn, Andy Miller, Brian Lindley

#### Open Meeting

- I. Welcome and Remarks – Lois Jacobs, Chair  
James Deriu has resigned. Lois will write to the executive office to seek a replacement appointment. She has already emailed Cathy Bevins seeking a replacement appointment from her district and will follow up. James wrote a very complimentary letter upon his resignation. Vince also expressed support for CEQ. Lois has a list of a few points that were made at the meeting on the Solid Waste Plan meeting.
- II. Discuss and Approve minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
Approved unanimously
- III. Painted Tree Report – Follow-up and next steps:  
Meetings with Councilmen; bill clarification, May 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting (Strategy for sign-up and speaking).

Purpose of the loophole in the original intent for managing the Park was to be used in case there was an emergency or need for maintenance, not to allow for actions that violate the purpose of the park. Suggest that we make an exception for management actions needed to protect the resources of the park, with advice from recognized professionals with relevant expertise on the history of management and stewardship of the resource. This also provides support and cover for necessary management actions that may not otherwise be understood by people interested in the park. Include consultation with the Director of DEPS and stakeholders.

On May 3 CEQ is meeting with Cathy Bevins at 10 am and with Julian Jones at 1 pm. The following Tuesday, May 7, is a regular Council meeting and we would hope to be able to speak at the conclusion of the meeting by signing up. (Arrive at 5:45 pm to sign up before the meeting starts. Each person who speaks gets three minutes so we would need multiple speakers speaking in sequence.)

- IV. Other: Lois sent out an article about a technical solution to the problem of wind turbines killing birds or bats including golden eagles – there is a vibration sensor that can be used for planning and mitigation of the problem.

- V. Ten-Year Solid Waste Plan: Discuss Hearing input and make formal recommendations for CEQ written input – must be submitted by May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Consider Styrofoam ban and suggestions from March CEQ meeting.

There is waste that goes into the air and it does have a potential environmental impact. Toxic materials like mercury and dioxins can be released. The technology however is improving and the amount of material that winds up in the air and in bottom ash is going down. Can we say that we would prefer to reduce the pollution from incinerators rather than eliminate them? What do we know about the state of the technology and how effective it is or will be? Valerie can look up some of this and we can find out who in DPW made a presentation about this.

The group discussed banning Styrofoam and other plastics; “Pay as you throw”, Commercial business, composting and electronics were also discussed.

Lois will draft something on the solid waste plan including these topics and share it with members of the Commission.

- VI. Solar Facilities Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Report to be sent to Planning Board 5/3. Planning Board Public Hearing June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Deadline coming up on May 3 when finished report on has to go to the Planning Board and we will get it after it is ready – we are asked to look at it and be prepared to discuss recommendations to the Planning Board which meets on June 7 for a public hearing.

Fencing used with solar facilities is “farm fencing” made of woven wire with openings that allow for small animals to pass through. At the previous meeting there was considerable discussion of what constitute “prime soils” as well as “Hudson Valley guidelines” that would steer solar development to appropriate sites. Another item is changing caps in the current bill; both industry and Sierra Club would like to see no caps on solar development. There probably won’t be a lot of appetite for making major changes in a bill that took a lot of effort in planning and arriving at consensus.

One question: could there be a way to map all of the wildlife corridors to be used in planning for sites? Answer: Maryland State GIS page already has these mapped and they could be used.

After planning board meets on June 7 they will make recommendations to the County Council. Planning Board members are appointed by the County Council.

Question: will there be a provision for an annual review in the text? Lois – one of the things that came out of our report and that was recommended on behalf of CEQ was that there should be periodic reviews – perhaps a five-year review so that we can assess impact of actual arrays that are functioning by then. Our input has been well-

received.

VII. Possible Equine Facility and re-purposing of County Parks – where can we find out where this plan stands? What, if any, position should CEQ take? We would be interested in the outcome of the report.

VIII. Possible Summer social and/or activity

Last summer we didn't have an activity. Lois has an article about the Pearlstone Center. They have now expanded into the old Camp Milldale property and have animals as well as plants. There are links with community schools and other organizations. Joan Plisko works there as the manager of the new sustainability initiative. They grow a lot of the food that they serve at the conference center. We might arrange a visit as a summer activity. Karen handed out a brochure on Hart Miller Island. Boat tours are possible. We can look into this.

IX. Adjourn.

Adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Next regular Meetings 7 PM:

- May 23, 2018