

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING – 4- 19
August 26, 2019 - 5:30 PM**

Committee Members/(Alts) Present

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law
Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair)
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN
Coleen M Davis, US Steel (Alt US Steel)
Steven Hvozdoovich, Clean Water Action
Rachel Filippini, GASP
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council
Richard Schwartz
Michael Webb, PPG (Alt PPG)

Committee Members/ Not Present

Michael Corcoran, PPG
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel

Others Present

Lee Ann Briggs, SBDC / EMAP
Stephen Hepler, PA DEP
Kelsey Krepps, Penn Future
Brian Joos
Kevin Leman, Allegheny County Parks
Jason Molinero, Allegheny County Parks
Ned Mulcahy, GASP
Carole Wivell, P2E member

ACHD Members Present

Sandra Etzel
Jayme Graham
Tom Lattner
Jason Maranche
Karen M Sagel
Brandon Turley

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Dan Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Action: A quorum was present. All in attendance made their introduction.

2. Chair's Remarks – Dan Bricmont – No comments were made at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes June meeting

Minutes were approved with correction to spelling errors.

Action: Moved by John Palmiere 2nd by Coleen M. Davis unanimous approval pending changes.

4. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee – Coleen Davis - met August 21, 2019. The monitoring portion: The EPA conducted an audit and selected one of the more difficult monitoring sites, the county is waiting on results and will give more details once they receive the results and review them. The US Accountability Office is reviewing monitoring network, there will be more information when that report is received and reviewed. The Criteria Pollution portion: The SO₂ SIP is in EPA's hands, there has not been any decision yet from the EPA. The PM 2.5 SIP is on the agenda and will be discussed later in the meeting. The Sodar activity

continues at US Steel Clairton and the Monitoring Network Assessment is due in July 2020.

Next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday November 13, 2019 at 1:30.

- B. Pollution Prevention/Education Subcommittee** – Rachel Filippini reported the subcommittee met July 18, 2019. The bulk of the meeting was spent talking about the half day workshop. The agenda has been agreed upon and the date has been selected for October 24, 2019 at the Carnegie Borough Building. The LGA will be handling the promotion and Karen Sagel will be sending out packets to each municipality. The subcommittee also very briefly discussed the solar lighting project that is on the agenda tonight, the subcommittee did express some concerns which will be discussed later when that comes up. The subcommittee also discussed there was a request to revamp the Pollution Prevention RFP so it likely is it not going to go through procurement.

The next meeting will be September 19, 2019 at 1:30 PM.

- C. Regulation Subcommittee** – Robert Orchowski – reported the subcommittee met on August 8. Bob directed everyone to the updated Regulations in Progress table for review and discussed each item. The regulation regarding fee structure comment period ends today. The last item was to the commercial fuel to take the fuel oil sulfur content down to 15 ppm. The subcommittee recommended it found approval.

Rachel asked if there was an idea when the coke oven gas regulations will be discussed again since it has been about a year. Jayme responded that the revisions to the battery regulation will be related to the recent US Steel settlement, but the coke oven gas H₂S regulation is in progress.

Rachel also asked if the subcommittee ever thought of taking a look at the effectiveness of the Open Bunting Regulation. Bob planned on addressing that during the open discussion because Brian Joos sent him an email today. Brian will present his comments to the Regulations Subcommittee. Bob invited members of GASP, P2E members, and other interested parties to come to the next meeting and discuss what they wanted changed.

The next meeting will be September 19 at 9:30 AM

5. Commercial Fuel Oil Sulfur Limitations Regulation (SIP91) – Propose Final –

Jayme Graham requested this conversation be tabled until a later date. Once the State finalizes their regulation, the County will bring their final regulation at that time. There is no time constraint to finish this.

6. PM 2.5 SIP (SIP90) – Proposed Final – Jason Maranche

Jason gave a PowerPoint presentation of the finished PM 2.5 SIP. This is on a time deadline; the beginning of November starts the sanctions clock. The Department is looking for a recommendation to take it to the Board of Health to be submitted to the EPA by the end of September beginning of October. Jason reviewed the changes made and explained the information available in the SIP and discussed the comment response documents. During the subcommittee meeting there were no concerns raised over moving forwards with the SIP.

Action: Moved by Coleen M Davis 2nd by John Palmiere – Dan, Coleen, Jeanne, Sara Marie, Mike, John, Rachel, Chip, Bob, Rich voted for. Steven Hvozdochovich voted opposed. Recommendation will advance to the Board of Health.

7. Clean Air Fund Request – Up to \$627,100 County Parks – Solar Lighting of South Parks Walking Path

– Brandon Turley, Kevin Leman, Jason Molinero gave a power point presentation on behalf of Allegheny County Parks and Recreation of the benefits of solar lighting along the walking path of Corrigan Drive in South Park. The Committee discussed the benefits of the cost vs the environmental impact of the project. Bob and Rachel did not feel the impact of the environmental savings justified to cost of the project and felt the funds would be better coming from a different source than the Clean Air Fund. John and Jeanne both spoke about the educational and solar promotional message being shared by the county supporting such a project outweighs the cost of the project by encouraging more people to use solar power.

Action: Moved by Jeanne Clark 2nd by John Palmiere – Dan, Chip, Coleen, John, Jeanne, Sara Marie voted for. Mike, Rich, Bob, Steve, Rachel voted against. Recommendation will advance to the Board of Health.

8. Report of the Air Program – Jayme Graham

gave a Stoltz Road update that there have been no further complaints regarding that situation. Jayme announced the retirement of Don Horgan, an asbestos inspector, Darrell Stern is retiring from the monitoring section and Allason Holt has left Air Quality to move over IT. A new analyst has been hired but Jayme did not have all the information on that at this time. The department will be hiring two asbestos inspectors. The department is also looking for two engineer trainee employees for permitting. The US Settlement has been signed and is final but is subject to public comment and how the trust fund will be set up and managed is still to be decided.

9. Other Business/Citizen Comments –

Carol Wivell – An update on the Stoltz Road issue: She is assuming through the emails she has received from one of the homeowners involved that the issue has been resolved but was very upset that the Air Quality Department was not involved in helping more in this situation.

10. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 07:23 pm. Chip and Bob moved to adjourn, Coleen and John seconded the motion. The next meeting is October 7, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Draft Minutes transcribed by: Karen M Sagel

Draft Minutes approved by: Jayme Graham

*All power points and handouts available upon request.