

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM  
MEETING – 2-21  
April 12, 2021 - 5:30 PM**

**Committee Members/(Alts) Present**

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law  
Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair)  
Mary Ann Bucci, Port Commission  
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army  
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN  
Michael Corcoran, PPG  
Rachel Filippini, GASP  
Steven Hvozdoovich, Clean Water Action  
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel  
John Palmiere  
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group

**Others Present**

Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP  
Coleen Davis, US Steel  
Mark Dixon, Citizen  
Christine Graziano, Plant 5 For Life  
Amanda Gillooley, GASP  
Chris Harden, US Steel  
Steve Hepler, DEP  
Brian Joos, Citizen  
Ned Mulcahy, GASP  
Sean Nolan, DEP  
Ryan Repoff, Eastman Chemical  
Jay Walker, Clean Air Council  
Carol Wivell, Citizen  
Ken Zapinski, PGH Works Together

**Committee Members/ Not Present**

Richard Schwartz  
Anna Siefken

**ACHD Members Present**

Jeff Bailey  
Patrick Dowd  
Sandra Etzel  
Jayme Graham  
Jim Kelly  
Tom Lattner  
Jason Maranche  
Karen M Sagel  
Brendan 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 – Dan introduced Mary Ann Bucci and Anna Siefken as new members of the Air Advisory Committee**

**3. Approval of Minutes February 8, 2021 meeting – approved with no changes.**

**Action:** Moved by John Palmiere 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Jeffery – unanimous with a spelling correction to Brian Joos name.

#### 4. Subcommittee Reports:

##### A. Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Sub-Committee

Coleen Davis reported that the sub-committee met April 6, 2021. Monitoring maintained steady access to all sites despite Covid restrictions and successfully installed a CO monitor at North Braddock in April. The Swissvale Metal Study has 7 and a half months of data so far and is available on the website. There was a PM<sub>2.5</sub> exceedance on March 10<sup>th</sup> at Liberty monitor. A request was sent for certification of the 2020 data. The PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Plan Public Comment Period ended. The 2020 PM<sub>2.5</sub> was a record low at all sites. The next meeting is June 1, 2021 at 10:30 AM

##### B. Pollution Prevention and Education Sub-Committee

Rachel Filippini reported that the sub-committee met on March 18, 2021. The group discussed ways to improve Air Quality communications with the public. The group also discussed the merits of using the words Watch and Warning. The next meeting is May 20, 2021 at 1:30 PM

##### C. Regulation Sub-Committee

Bob Orchowski reported that the sub-committee met on March 23, 2021 and reviewed the Regulations in Progress Table, including the Second PM 10 Maintenance Plan.. The next meeting is May 18, 2021 at 1:30 PM

#### 5. **PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Plan**

Jason Maranche presented the PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Plan. During the public comment period, ACHD received only 3 comments.

**Action:** Jeanne Clarke moved to recommend approval to the Board of Health and John Palmiere seconded the motion. With a roll call vote member voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Board of Health.

#### 6.. **Episode Control Plan Regulations**

Jayne Graham provided a detailed review of the proposed Mon Valley Air Pollution Episode Regulations and recent revisions. The members again discussed the merits of the terms Watch and Warn as well as the plan review process. Members of the public raised concerns about the efficacy of the PA DEP forecasts which will be used by ACHD. They also expressed concern regarding odor.

**Action:** Bob Orchoski moved to recommend approval to the Board of Health for Public Comment and John Palmiere seconded. On a roll call vote the committee unanimously recommended the Board of Health approve the proposed regulation for public comment.

**7. Clean Air Fund –**

**a.** Jim Kelly provided an explanation of the request to spend up to \$200,000 for Allegheny Alerts and Community Health Outreach. The goal is to provide grants to organizations that will encourage participation in Allegheny Alerts and the Community Health Assessment Supplemental Survey. Members of the public asked about application evaluation and Jim Kelly explained a grading rubric would be provide as part of the RFP process. Members encouraged making it easier to sign up for Allegheny Alerts and encouraged continued focus on open burning as part of this process.

**Action:** John Palmiere moved to approve the Clean Air Fund request and Rachel Filippini provided the second. With a roll call vote members voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request by the Board of Health.

**b.** Brendan Turley reviewed a Clean Air Fund request of \$35,000 to support the lawn equipment rebate program.

**Action:** Mark Jeffrey moved to recommend to approval to the Board of Health and John Palmiere seconded. With a roll call vote members unanimously voted to recommend approval to the Board of Health.

**8. Report if the Air Program –** Jayme Graham reported possible exceedances of PM<sub>2.5</sub> March and April. These have not yet been verified. The public comment period for the permit for the Invenergy Power Plant in Elizabeth Township is open for 60 days. The public hearing is scheduled for early June and the information is available on the website.

**9. Other Business –** None

**10. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment June 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM (this was later corrected to June 7<sup>th</sup>)**

**Action:** John Palmiere moved to adjourn the meeting and Mark Jeffery seconded with the members voting unanimously to approve.

\*All power points and handouts available upon request.