

## **SOURCEWATER PROTECTION AD HOC ADVISORY BOARD JUNE 27, 2018 MEETING SUMMARY**

Attendees: Ray Stolinas, Jeff Ressler, Marcella Bell, Erik Scott, Todd Giddings, James Hynes, Gary Peterson, Ron Connelly, David Hughes, Larry Harpster, Barbara Christ, and Bill Keough.

The Sourcewater Protection Ad Hoc Advisory Board met for its fourth meeting and reviewed the remaining comments provided to staff before the hearing in December 2017. The Ad Hoc Advisory Board reviewed the comments provided by the Centre Regional Planning Commission (CRPC) and recommended the following changes:

1. In Section 12, the Advisory Board discussed the intent and recommended that language be added to clarify that the Sourcewater Protection Ordinance is only a reference document and does not supersede any state or federal regulations.
2. In Section 4, paragraph A, the Advisory Board recommends “that use or store hazardous materials in quantities meeting or exceeding established quantity thresholds, except those uses noted below under C, D, and E” be struck. The Board also recommends that language be inserted in Section 11 that indicates that the Land Development Plan should contain notes acknowledging the Sourcewater Protection Ordinance and that the applicants are compliant with state and federal laws regarding chemical storage and chemical use.
3. The Advisory Board recommends removal of the term “advanced agriculture research” in the definition section because it is not used in the ordinance at all.
4. There was a recommendation to remove “agriculture activities” and encompass the activities under agriculture operations.
5. In Section 8, paragraph A.2, “extraordinary development proposals” should be defined and the time frame for these proposals should be clarified.
6. It was recommended to remove “backfilled daily” from Section 11, paragraph A.5.

The Ad Hoc Advisory Board reviewed the comments provided by the Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA) and recommended the following change:

1. The Advisory Board recommended that letter a. under Section 8, paragraph A.1 should be struck completely.

The Ad Hoc Advisory Board reviewed the comments provided by the Penn State Physical Plant and recommended the following changes:

1. In Section 1, the Advisory Board recommends leaving “that is scientifically plausible but uncertain” in the sixth bullet. The Advisory Board also recommends leaving in the last bullet under Section 1. Mr. Giddings will provide educational language to consider including in the ordinance related to the last bullet.

2. In Section 3, the Advisory Board recommends that staff confirm that the words listed are not used in the ordinance, and if they are not, remove the definitions.
3. Multi-family residential dwellings should be defined in Section 3.
4. The Advisory Board recommended removing the term “abandoned water supply wells” from the ordinance because this is already regulated in the Property Maintenance Code. In the Source Water Protection Area definition in Section 3, the Ad Hoc Advisory Board recommends leaving the word “public.”
5. In Section 5, it states that there are no University-owned wells in the Township, however, there are two wells that are on the Township boundary or very close to it—the Zone I radii extends into the Township boundaries. This issue will be addressed when staff receives the well map from Penn State University and can change the language to address University wells.
6. In Section 8, the Advisory Board recommends leaving in the language that addresses the public water supplier’s role in the review process for land development and new regulated land uses and activities.
7. In Section 9, the Advisory Board recommends leaving in the language that addresses geothermal systems and associated injection wells related to climate change.
8. In Section 10.B, the Advisory Board recommends striking number 5 related to Section 7, but recommends leaving number 6 as is.
9. Under Section 12, in the third sentence, the Advisory Board recommends that the word “require” be changed to “encourage.”

In response to a request from Mr. Keough, the Ad Hoc Advisory Board recommends that the Board of Supervisors notify the property owners in the Zone I radii of the pending change to their property 30 days prior to the public hearing of the Sourcewater Protection Ordinance. The Ad Hoc Advisory Board also asks the Board of Supervisors to hold a work session before the public hearing between the Board of Supervisors and the Ad Hoc Advisory Board on the proposed revisions of the Sourcewater Protection Ordinance so that there can be a discussion on the pending issues.