

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, March 3, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 9:23 a.m. at New Britain Township, on March 3, 2022, and called to order by Consortium President Kyle Seckinger.

Roll Call, Introductions and Community Updates:

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

Dana Cozza, Buckingham Township
Darrell Card, Chalfont Borough
Shawn Curran, Chalfont Borough
Mega Bhandary, Middletown Township
Devan Ambron, Milford Township
Michael Walsh, New Britain Township
Matt West, New Britain Township
Bill Wert, Northampton Township
Bob Pellegrino, Northampton Township
Mark Fournier, Telford Borough
John Ramey, Warminster Township
Tim Hagey, Warminster Township Municipal Authority
Becki Wilhelm, Warwick Township
Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township
Skye Sorresso, Warwick Township

Sponsors:

Sheila Mauger, Bee, Bergvall & Co.
Brian Jeter, Comcast
Brian Lake, Equitable Advisors
Beth Kaufman, Equitable Advisors
Aaron Nelson, Hough Associates
Ted Dorand, PECO
Ronald Bittner, Univest
David Ohman, Univest
Douglas Smith, Verizon
Dan Reavy, TRAIRS

Dan Fagan, Senator Steve Santarsiero's Office

Sponsors Spotlight:

- Beth Kaufman, Equitable Advisor
- David Ohman, Univest

Presentation by Brian Jeter - Comcast, Ted Dorand - PECO, Doug Smith - Verizon: Public Utilities Forum

Brian Jeter with Comcast, Ted Dorand with PECO, and Doug Smith with Verizon spoke to the membership regarding public utilities.

Mr. Jeter, Mr. Dorand, and Mr. Smith covered the basics of public utilities and Comcast, PECO, and Verizon policies.

- Utility Poles
 - Facilities on standard utility poles include:
 - Highest lines: Power
 - Middle lines: Cable
 - Lower lines: Telecom
 - Utility poles are typically owned by PECO, PPL, Verizon.
 - Comcast does not own poles.
- Tree/Limb removal
 - PECO performs cyclical tree trimming and will remove trees or branches from their facilities only.
 - Verizon and Comcast designate tree and branch removal as a homeowner/landowner responsibility.
 - Homeowners can request a Verizon/Comcast crew to assist contractors while cutting around facilities.
- Reporting
 - When reporting low/downed wires and outages, provide as much information as possible, including:
 - Detailed explanation of concern
 - Exact address/nearest cross street
 - Pole numbers
 - Photos
- Storm Events
 - Reporting
 - Road Closures due to downed facilities should be reported to the County via the non-emergency dispatch line. PECO will prioritize reports by road classification.
 - If multiple facilities are down, PECO must restore their facilities before Verizon or Comcast.
- Pole Relocation
 - Estimated timeframe: 16 weeks
 - Notify the pole owner as soon as possible, but not before the new boundary of the roadway has been determined.
 - The pole owner will communicate with your contractor and/or engineer regarding relocation.

Mr. Jeter, Mr. Dorand, and Mr. Smith answered a series of questions from the membership.

Mr. Seckinger thanked Mr. Jeter, Mr. Dorand, and Mr. Smith for attending and presenting to the membership.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Upon motion by Mark Fournier, seconded by Bob Pellegrino, the Treasurer's Report for February 2022, was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Bob Pellegrino, seconded by Mark Fournier, the February 3, 2022, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Upcoming events:

Mr. Seckinger reminded everyone to complete the 2022 Salary Survey and reach out to Nick Valla with any questions.

He announced the following upcoming meetings/events:

- Bucks County Consortium Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - Thursday, April 7th at 9:00 a.m. (Northampton Valley Country Club)
- Bucks County Consortium Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - Thursday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m. (Middletown Township)

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM by Tim Hagey.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kyle W. Seckinger

Consortium President