

FINAL
Delaware Township Quarry Compliance Committee Meeting Notes
March 23, 2021

Attendees: Dave Bond, Joe Chrobak, Kathy Katz, Jamie Waltman

A. Ground Water Monitoring Data

1. First Quarter Monitoring Data not collected in 2018, 2019 and 2020

Ms. Katz asked Mr. Chrobak why, on the table of the ground water monitoring data, it is indicated “there was no discharge” for the first quarter of 2018, 2019 and 2020 and no ground water elevations are provided. Mr. Chrobak said this is because Trap Rock has not been having any discharges from the storm water retention basin into the canal during the first quarter.

Ms. Katz said that the requirement to collect quarterly ground water elevations from select wells is not tied to whether or not a discharge to the canal is/is not occurring. Mr. Chrobak indicated that he believed all required monitoring well data has been collected. Mr. Chrobak said he would check his records for the missing data and, if found, he will update the table and submit to the QCC and Township.

2. 2019 and 2020 Data

On 6/24/19 the Township Committee approved the Planning Board’s request to only require that the quarterly monitoring data be reviewed by the Planning Board’s hydrogeologist every two years when the quarry is not operating. The Planning Board’s Hydrogeologist is currently reviewing the ground water data from 2016 through 2018.

There were no quarrying activities in 2019 and 2020 and to date there are no quarrying operations in 2021. Therefore, all members of the QCC felt the 2019 and 2020 ground water monitoring data should be referred to the Planning Board with a request that they refer the data to the hydrogeologist for review. Ms. Katz said she would draft the memo once the QCC has heard back from Mr. Chrobak on whether the table needs to be revised to include the first quarter ground water data.

B. December 8, 2020 Annual Quarry License Submittal Requirements Form

Members of the QCC discussed the December 8, 2020 Annual Quarry License Submittal Requirements Form. It was noted that Trap Rock indicated on the form that they are not planning on conducting any quarrying or reclamation activities this coming year. Mr. Chrobak said he wanted to clarify Trap Rock’s response on the form. Mr. Chrobak said the form only provides for a “yes” or “no” response on quarrying and reclamation activities. Mr. Chrobak said that while Trap Rock is not quarrying at this time, he is not sure if Trap Rock will resume operations later this year. Ms. Katz and Mr. Waltman reminded Mr. Chrobak that Trap Rock is required to notify the Township when they plan to resume operations. Ms. Katz said then, at that time, the required information as to the locations of blasting, overburden removal etc. could be submitted. The QCC members discussed that a possible change to this form may be needed to account for this situation and this will be evaluated as part of the revisions to the SOP.

Members of the QCC then reviewed the 2021 Compliance Status Spreadsheet. Ms. Katz indicated that Trap Rock is in compliance with all aspects except for submitting copies of the air permits for the Hot Mix Plant and the Gorman Rupp Quarry Pump. Both of these air permits had expired back in 2018. Ms. Katz apologized for not noticing this sooner and having these permits on the 2018, 2019 or 2020 Compliance Status Spreadsheets. Ms. Katz said the error was due to her having two spreadsheets; the annual spreadsheet and a master spreadsheet. And over the past couple of years, Ms. Katz said she had forgotten to refer back to the master spreadsheet. Ms. Katz said she has now rectified this from happening in the future by including all permits on the annual spreadsheet regardless of whether or not the permit is expiring during the upcoming year.

Mr. Chrobak said that Trap Rock is no longer using the Groman Rupp Quarry Pump and the air permit was terminated in 2017. Mr. Chrobak also said that they do have a current air permit for the Hot Mix Plant. Ms. Katz said she had checked with the Township's Deputy Clerk who checked the Township's files and was not able to locate a copy of the air permit approval. Ms. Katz asked if Mr. Chrobak could provide the Township with a copy of the valid permit and an explanation about the terminated permit. Mr. Chrobak said he would do this.

The QCC members discussed advising the Township Committee of the Annual Submittal Requirements Form submission and that Trap Rock is in compliance. Ms. Katz said she would draft a memo and circulate it to the members for review and comment once the copy of the air permit is received from Trap Rock.

C. Quarry Inspections

The Township Engineer conducted the last inspection (which was a full inspection) on June 9, 2017 and no problems were noted. The only recommendation that the Township Engineer made was that the silt fence that surrounds the overburden soil pile should be repaired prior to placing additional soil on the overburden area.

QCC members discussed that there have been no quarrying or reclamation activities in 2017 through 2020, since the last inspection.

In the December 8, 2020 Annual Submittal, Trap Rock indicated that the entire perimeter fence had been inspected on November 24, 2020. Trap Rock also indicated in the submission that no quarrying or reclamation activities are planned for 2021. However, as stated in the above section, Mr. Chrobak is not sure at this time whether Trap Rock may resume operations later this year.

The QCC members then discussed that the QCC should recommend to the Township Committee that the semiannual inspection be waived for April 2021. However, Mr. Chrobak did indicate that Trap Rock would still be agreeable to an inspection should the Township feel it necessary. A recommendation for the October 2021 inspection will occur this fall once Trap Rock has made a decision on whether they will resume operations. Ms. Katz said she would draft a memo and circulate it to the members for review and comment.

D. Revisions to the Renewal License Application

Ms. Katz had made revisions to the Renewal License Application and circulated it to members of the QCC for review the prior day. Since the members of the QCC didn't have sufficient time to conduct a complete review of the proposed changes, it was decided that the QCC would meet in a month to go over the revisions to the application.

Ms. Katz asked the members to pay close attention to the requirements of the ordinance to make sure she had captured the references and requirements correctly. Ms. Katz also asked members to make any notes where they find typos or grammatical errors in the existing ordinance or where they feel items could be better clarified.

Ms. Katz said she has made progress on making the necessary revisions to the other checklists and she will send them out for review and comment as soon as possible.

Ms. Katz asked Mr. Waltman about whether other stakeholders in the process (Township Clerk/ Deputy Clerk, Chief Financial Officer or Township Engineer) could review the revisions to the SOP. Mr. Waltman thought that would be appropriate but he wanted to wait until after the QCC completes the final draft. Mr. Waltman said he would then have the Deputy Clerk review it.

Ms. Katz also asked Mr. Waltman about whether the member of the Township Committee will want to see the revisions to the SOP in a "track changes" format. Mr. Waltman said yes.