

Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force Committee
June 22, 2023

Zoom Meeting/Call Attendees: Brian Snyder, Robert Ollar, Cathleen Mattos, Liz Miller, Mike Mrozinski, Rosie Schoepp, Jill Gamboni, Karyn Hatch, Cheryl Glenn, Carol Kneier, Commissioner Matt Osterberg, Commissioner Ron Schmalzle, Commissioner Tony Waldron, Shannon DeVuyst, Laura Harris, Doreen Bove, Joan Edel, Emily Struckhoff, Melissa Stash, Patrick Conselc, and Laura Orben.

Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2023 - Motion to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2023, meeting made by Dr. Ollar and seconded by Dr. Mattos. All in Favor. Motion approved.

1. **Commissioners' Update** – Commissioner Schmalzle thanked the task force for visiting the summer camps that he put in contact with the task force. He stated that sometimes this is an overlooked population within the county but is a vital one to reach because of the amount of time spent outdoors.
2. **Chair Report** – None
3. **Legislative Updates** – None
4. **Member Updates** –

Brian Snyder- Brian stated that the task force recently visited 3 youth summer camps located in the central part of the County. Rosie gave a presentation to the camp counselors and staff on danger of ticks and how to protect themselves and campers this summer. In total about 300 camp staff members were in attendance. Brian also shared that he met with Dr. Pope at the Delaware Valley Highschool Campus to discuss a partnership opportunity between the task force and the school district on educational materials utilizing a trail the school has leading to the river.

5. **Public Outreach** –

Doreen – Doreen stated that the Hemlock Farms Conservancy is hosting a tick talk on the Hemlock Farms Trail. Members from the Tick lab at ESU will be in attendance to talk about ticks and some trail safety tips. This event is open to the public. Also, on June 24th the PA Game Commission will be giving a talk in Hemlock Farms on the topic of living with PA wildlife.

Commissioner Osterberg – Commissioner Osterberg stated that he just received information on a Community Day being held in Tamiment on August 5th if anyone is available to attend.

Mike Mrozinski – Mike stated that the Pike/Wayne Conservation Partnership is hosting a legislative Breakfast in July. The task force has attended in past years.

6. **Other Business** – Patrick Conselc introduced himself as he is new to the task force. He is a Milford resident that has been suffering from TBD's. He asked about information on testing, what pathogens are found in the region, and if there are any places that specialize in TBD treatment. The task force shared information with him on testing, told him about the tick study that was completed by ESU and gave him information on the TBD Clinic in Lords Valley that is administered by the Wayne Memorial Hospital.

Motion to Adjourn by Brian Snyder seconded by Dr. Mattos. All in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Thursday, July 27th at 10am