

**Lower Frederick Township (LFT)
Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Meeting Minutes**

MEETING DATE: June 24, 2019 – 7 pm

1.) CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rachel Hendricks
Monica Strawbridge
Denise Finney
Warren Jacobs
Ruth Heil
Gary Bonner

PUBLIC PRESENT: Marla Hexter

2.) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May minutes approved unanimously (moved by Ruth, seconded by Monica);
- Denise will contact Jackie and ask her to submit to Bonnie

3.) OLD BUSINESS

Updates from other meetings

Planning Commission – Warren Jacobs

- Warren drafting landscape planning for LFT's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO)
- Storm water management calculations consider tree cover, making the question of how to protect tree cover on both township and private property important
- Joint meetings with Planning Commission have been suggested, Rachel will contact
- Using a professional to review all development plans to assure compliance with township ordinances is likely to benefit the township

Central Perkiomen Valley Regional Planning Commission – Marla Hexter & Jackie O'Neill attended

- Met 6/17/19 for a presentation on suburban homesteading
- Montgomery County has examples of ordinances to support/encourage suburban homesteading activities including composting, gardening, chickens, bees for different sized properties

Lower Frederick Open House

- Questions touched on many issues/ideas that are congruent with EAC's interest in gauging residents' environment-related priorities

EAC founding ordinance and by-laws

- We will propose addition of Article 3 from the EAC by-laws as revised as a second sentence to section 2 of the EAC ordinance
- Language addition approved unanimously (moved by Warren, seconded by Rachel)
- Rachel will email suggested language addition to Terry

EAC Priorities – survey

- Purposes of survey – introduce the EAC to Township residents; garner residents’ interests for education and volunteer opportunities, preferred means of communication, other environmental concerns
- Rachel will draft survey and distribute prior to next meeting

Working groups

- Two currently proposed: environmental inventory and ordinances
- EAC members should consider what group they would like to be part of
- Rachel will circulate information on MS-4, 537 plan, and ordinances that will inform EAC members
- Collaboration with Planning Commission can inform plans/priorities for both groups

Website

- Bonnie is looking into options with web developer (DCA) and township administration; e.g. will EAC site be under the township site or autonomous or somewhere in between?

4.) NEW BUSINESS

- None

5.) PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tomorrow BOS will vote on Open Space fund to be taxpayer funded; if approved by BOS, residents will vote on referendum to create fund
- Sunrise Trail committee has completed their feasibility study

AGENDA ITEMS MENTIONED FOR NEXT EAC MEETING(S)

- Finalize by-laws
- Discuss survey draft, seek input from Jackie on appropriate wording for survey questions
- Report from Marla and Monica on Montco 100% Clean Energy Conference Kick-off (June 29, 2019)
- Hold joint meeting with Park Board (after meeting with Planning Commission)

ADJOURNED AT 8:52 PM