

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

MEETING DATE: August 26, 2019 – Called to order 7 pm

1.) MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Bonner
Denise Finney
Ruth Heil
Rachel Hendricks
Warren Jacobs
Jackie O'Neil
Monica Strawbridge

PUBLIC PRESENT: Terry Bird, Bob Burns, Marla Hexter, Linda Jansson, Diane Jurin, Ernest Schmitt, Phil Smith,
Chuck Yeiser

2.) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July minutes approved unanimously (moved by Ruth, seconded by Monica)
- Jackie will submit a PDF copy of June minutes with appendix to Bonnie for publishing

3.) UPDATES FROM OTHER MEETINGS

- Ruth shared key highlights, such as the many ways to fund MS4 projects, from the MS4 Funding seminar that she and Jackie attended August 7 at Ursinus College; other residents of LFT also attended

4.) EAC FOUNDING ORDINANCE

- Rachel received the updated draft of our EAC ordinance from Mark, which was modeled after New Hannover's. It addressed all concerns the EAC had.
- Motion to approve (moved by Jackie, seconded by Warren)
- The ordinance must be approved by the BOS, then advertised to the public.

5.) EAC BYLAWS

- Once the EAC ordinance is approved by the BOS, we will review the Bylaws to ensure they are in sync with the updated ordinance.
- Chuck Yeiser said it could be effective to model some of our EAC standard Bylaws after those in the PC Bylaws.

6.) EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

- **LFT Oktoberfest:** EAC will host a table at Oktoberfest Oct 12, put on by the park board. Rachel will get Spotted Lanternfly brochures to hand out, and EAC attendees (TBD) can collect some contact and survey information from residents interested in the EAC and our local environment
- **Stormwater Management:** Rachel will schedule an educational presentation late October, possibly to be held at Perkiomen Township building (unless the fee is too much). She or Eric from the County Conservation District will conduct. We can advertise the event at Oktoberfest, via email, and via our web site. Rachel will ask Mark if we can also advertise on our LFT signboards as well.

7.) EAC WEBSITE

- Ruth talked to Bonnie, who spoke with the web people and Mark. All information we want to publish must be in a PDF for now—no interactive content.
- All web content must be approved by Mark prior to being published.

8.) READY FOR 100 (RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM)

- Monica said that Upper Merion joined the growing number of municipalities who committed to the program
- Bill Sabey offered to educate us about the program—Monica will ask him to present to us at either our Sept 23rd or Oct 28th EAC meeting

9.) JOINT MEETING WITH LFT PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

- Chuck Yeiser, Terry Bird, Linda Jansson, Ernest Schmitt and Phil Smith from the PC joined our meeting to discuss overlapping initiatives and how we might effectively work together.
- The PC meets every 3rd Thursday of the month; the regional Central Perkiomen Valley PC (CPVPC) meets on the 3rd Monday of the month every other month (next meeting is in September). The plans, calendar and more information are on their web site <https://sites.google.com/a/cpvrpc.org/cpvrpc/home>
- Large plans must be reviewed by the regional PC—development rights can be transferred between townships.
- Chuck also attends the Montgomery County Greenway Study (best practices for open space and land use); the EAC should attend as well. <https://www.montcopa.org/2707/Swamp-Creek-Greenway-Sunrise-Trail-Feasi>
- In PA, the PC recommends plans for approval, but only the BOS can approve. Occasionally they are asked to review environmental aspects—this is a good area for the EAC to participate.
- The county planner brings ordinances to the PC to review and recommend—this could be another area for the EAC to participate when the ordinances have environmental impacts
- The EAC Handbook recommends that the EAC has one member from the PC and vice versa—but for efficiency, we will instead have at least one EAC member attend every PC meeting and vice versa. EAC members should understand Environmental Adjustment Factors and methods of calculations to effectively participate.
- The PC will send its agenda to the EAC at least 1 week prior to all meetings, and vice versa.
- Chuck will ask Mark Hudson whether he can send plans and review letters to the EAC so we can review environmental aspects and impacts prior to the PC meetings, with the understanding that we must follow privacy rules.
- We can get all the maps we need from the MCPC—Marla suggests that we ask Mark to make an official request for these maps from them. There is only 1 mapper, so we are not sure when we can them.
- We agreed that our top ordinances to review and recommend changes to are the Stormwater Management and Act 537 Plan. We would draft recommended changes then get feedback from the PC and engineer.

10.) PUBLIC COMMENT

- Linda Jansson shared that Skippack Township is hosting a free meeting, Navigate Your MS4 Needs, on Nov 21 from 9-12pm.

ADJOURNED AT 9:12 PM