

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

MEETING DATE: September 23, 2019 – Called to order 7 pm

1.) MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Sabey (Montco Chair of Ready for 100 % sustainable energy, a Sierra Club campaign),
Earnest Schmitt

2.) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August minutes approved unanimously (moved by Warren, seconded by Monica)
- Jackie will submit a PDF copy of August minutes to Bonnie for publishing

3.) UPDATES FROM OTHER MEETINGS

- No updates, as the focus of this meeting was the Ready for 100 presentation

4.) EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

- **LFT Octoberfest:** We voted to not host a table at the event; instead, we should proactively plan which future events make the best sense for us to attend and for what purpose.
- **Earth Day 2020:** We agreed that Earth Day 2020 is an important opportunity for EAC outreach and an event (rather than the Park Board). We need to begin planning for this event.
- **EAC Informational Material:** We need to proactively create a standard EAC materials, such as a brochure to hand out at all future EAC events.
- **Stormwater Management:** Rachel was scheduling an educational presentation for late October. In her absence, we decided it was best to postpone a month or so.

5.) READY FOR 100 (RF100, READY FOR 100%) PRESENTATION BY BILL SABEY—SUMMARY & KEY POINTS:

- **Ready for 100 (RF100) is a national Sierra Club campaign that encourages municipalities to adopt, an equitable and socially inclusive transition to 100% clean, renewable energy.**
 - The Sierra Club provides tools and support for municipalities to make the transition
- **Why should municipalities participate? What are the consequences of inaction?**
 - Southeastern PA, in particular, will experience extreme and rising temperatures and rainfall, rising infrastructure costs, potable water risks, health risks due to ozone...
- **How could we benefit if we do take appropriate action?**
 - Cost/risk avoidance of the above, new job sectors, maintain RE values and quality of life...
- **Who is participating?**
 - To date, over 130 municipalities across 5 states and growing
 - 22 of which are in SE PA; 11 of which are in Montgomery County
 - Local examples: Upper Merion, Ambler, Colledgeville, Pottstown, Cheltenham, Phoenixville, Norristown...
- **What is the process?**
 - Commit > Plan > Act
- **What are some tips for moving forward?**
 - Educate first—make the case for change
 - Begin by simply resolving to make appropriate action
 - Create a strategic plan that focuses first on conservation and efficiency—then use savings for green energy. Montco will do a sustainability plan for municipalities

6.) OUR RF100 NEXT STEPS

- Ruth made a motion to include RF100 messaging and action recommendations be added to our October agenda
- Each EAC member is to digest the presentation (which will be emailed to us asap), and one key message (potentially in the form of a slide) for the supervisors and public.
- Draft an educational overview of RF100 for LFT BOS and other municipal officials
 - Jackie volunteered to draft a succinct, customized and easy-to-read RF100 presentation for LFT that incorporates everyone's key points
 - Draft our recommended steps to initiate the process
- Draft a LFT - RF100 resolution using the Sierra Club template
- Get on the BOS calendar to present and request a resolution

7.) PUBLIC COMMENT

- Earnest Schmitt mentioned the following regarding LFT's energy efficiency:
 - LFT is looking at a PECO grant for LED street lighting, which can save significant energy and cost
 - LFT already has an ordinance for solar and wind power

ADJOURNED AT 8:50 PM