

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

MEETING DATE: November 25, 2019 – 7 pm

1.) CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Marla Hexter

2.) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER MEETING

- Approval moved by Jackie, seconded by Warren; minutes approved unanimously

3.) OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinances

- Jackie generated list of ordinances to potentially start with for our review; other suggestions to add to the current list:
 - Ch. 50 - open burning
 - Ch. 170 - zoning
 - 170-19 lighting
 - 170-37 solid waste management
 - 170-38 alternative energy
 - 170-103 to 120 – flood plain conservation district (Article XV)
- Priorities identified for immediate action:
 - SALDO Article IV Design Standards (145-19 to 51): this is underway
 - Sump pump ordinance: this is our first priority
 - Jackie or Rachel will provide copy of New Hanover's new ordinance for everyone to review for December
 - Logging ordinance: we currently do not have one
 - conservation.org has models
 - Potentially relevant tree-related regulations:
 - New developments - regulations regarding tree clearing, on-going responsibilities of developers; new homeowners
 - Existing homes - most would not have deeds that regulate tree management/logging
 - Warren will bring models to review in December
 - Stormwater management (Ch. 134)
 - Review current stormwater ordinance as it relates to stormwater infrastructure and U&O permits

- Current ordinance in Ch. 134 Stormwater Management - IX Enforcement Penalties (134-907F)
- Also discussed possibility of “stretch codes” – how to incentivize application of stricter codes (e.g. LEED certification versus standard PA building code)

B. Residential stormwater management outreach program

- Mark will contact Perkiomen Township to determine if program can be in their building and, if so, identify potential dates
- Eric Konzelmann from Conservation District has agreed to make presentation
- Back up date: Monday, January 27 if needs to be held at LFT building

C. General informational brochure on EAC

- Gary has contact that is willing to help design brochure/pamphlet
- Ideas for information that should be included can go to Ruth
- Ruth will contact Bonnie about getting an EAC township email

4.) NEW BUSINESS

- EAC members whose term is up on December 31, 2019 must send email to Mark indicating if you wish to be considered for re-appointment
- 2020 meetings: Jan 27 (6:30 PM), Feb 24, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 18, Jun 22, July 27, Aug 24, Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec 21

5.) PUBLIC COMMENT

- Consider revitalizing Bird Town or similar program
- Keep ‘Ready for 100’ in mind for a possible educational program

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO EAC MEMBERS

- PA Land Conservation Conference, hosted by the PA Land Trust Association – April 1-3, 2020, Gettysburg PA
- Pottstown EcoFest and Climate March first weekend of May

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY DECEMBER 23 AT 7 PM

ADJOURNED AT 9:10 PM