

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

MEETING DATE: December 23, 2019 – 7 pm

1.) CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Marla Hexter, Bob Burns

GUESTS: Ryan Beltz (Perkiomen Water Conservancy), Ross Snook (New Hanover EAC), Mary Margaret Monser (Ambler EAC observer)

2.) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

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

3.) OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinances

- Logging ordinance update – Warren
 - Current LFT regulations relevant to logging are within the SALDO; developers can circumvent these regulations
 - Other townships use logging ordinances to require a sensible plan that does not restrict activity, but assures that private landowners and land developers follow the same guidelines, such as requiring an E&S plan in specific situations
- Sump pump ordinance - Jackie
 - New Hanover Township ordinance (Ordinance 18-05) addresses below grade structures and sump pump discharge
 - Elements that may be relevant to LFT:
 - Below ground structures can currently be built to 8" below water table; change to 6" above water table with water table testing during the wettest months of the year
 - Sump pump discharge rates are not currently accounted for in stormwater management (e.g. stormwater basins are of insufficient size for sump pump generated water); modify sump pump discharge calculations and management to reduce nuisance run-off
 - Jackie will draft changes to a sump pump ordinance modeled after New Hanover's ordinance, so that it can be decided whether and how to move forward with recommended ordinance changes in our Feb EAC meeting.

B. Outreach

- Residential stormwater management education program will occur at the Perkiomen Township Building on Monday, January 27 at 7 PM
 - Rachel will finalize details this week and forward information to Ruth to complete flyer
 - Provide flyer to distribute to regional planning group and other nearby township managers
 - Announce at January 6 Board of Supervisor meeting, have printed flyers
 - Distribute flyer via social media
- Ruth is finalizing EAC informational flyer

C. EAC Email

- EAC@lowerfrederick.org
- EAC can determine who will monitor the account
- Account will have an automated response

D. HVAC Discussion

- Lower Frederick police department will soon need to have its heat pump replaced; Energy Star equipment may require additional up-front costs, but could significantly reduce energy costs
- Rachel will contact Mark to ask him to consider Energy Star

4.) NEW BUSINESS

- Perkiomen Watershed grant
 - Schuylkill River Restoration fund currently has an RFP that could support joint project between PWC and LFT EAC (~\$25,000)
 - Stormwater storage (collection & slow dissipation) is of interest to funder
 - Rain gardens
 - Letter of Intent due mid-January
 - EAC and PWC will work together to identify possible sites, PWC will oversee grant
 - Possible sites: Foy Park, Village Center Park, Cuddy Park, Zeigler Rd. to 2nd Street park channel, Grimley retention basin
 - Motion to move forward with a letter of intent on one of the possible sites identified above based on the recommendation of Ryan Beltz following site visits with EAC representatives. The recommendation will be communicated via email to all EAC members and will be acted upon if no objections to the selected site are made; moved by Warren, seconded by Jackie
- 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

- Mary Margaret Monser shared information on an Ambler EAC stormwater education program. Neighbor to Neighbor identifies a “neighborhood stormwater champion” who hosts neighborhood stormwater parties to distribute information and resources; partnership with local high school through list of potential projects; both initiated with a Growing Greener grant

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 JANUARY 27 AT 6:30 PM @ PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BUILDING
ADJOURNED AT 9:10 PM