

**Lower Gwynedd Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2023**

**Members in Attendance:**

Lisa Brown, Co-Chair  
Mark Schafer, Co-Chair  
Rea Monaghan  
Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski  
Maureen Nunn  
Marianne Grey

**Associate Members:** Brenda Doll (via Zoom), Rich Valiga

**Board of Supervisors Liaison:** Tessie McNeeley, Mike Twersky

**Staff In Attendance:** Sandi Feight

**Not in Attendance:**

Steve Saffier

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Minutes.** The November meeting minutes were approved with a clarification of the fee in lieu from Gwynedd Mercy, which was corrected from \$150,000 to \$180,000.00.
3. **Approval of Regular Agenda.** Agenda approved
4. **Consent Agenda.** At the Board of Supervisors (BoS) reorganization meeting, the BOS appointed Mark Schafer & Lisa Brown as co-chairs. Moving forward Township staff will be recording and drafting the minutes. A draft will be sent to Mark and Lisa for review and then placed as a DRAFT in the BoS meeting packet. The EAC will still vote on the minutes at their regular monthly meeting. Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski notified the EAC with her intentions to resign as member and treasurer. Suzanne would like to be involved with events and projects. The Members thanked her for her years of dedication as the EAC treasurer asked her to stay on as an associate member. Brenda Doll had unanimous endorsement to become a member. The BOS has to approve appointments to the EAC. The members did discuss the need for a treasurer, it was noted that a treasurer's report can be generated from the finance department.
5. **Old Business -**  
Review 2022 items and projects
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> tree giveaway was a success.
  - b. Stream signs were put up & we've received positive feedback.
  - c. Battery recycling has done amazing, collecting every other month.
  - d. Putting information in the e-newsletters
  - e. The 309-ramp clean-up was successful and a great way to engage local groups.
  - f. The new solar charging stations have been a hit. Sandi will reach out to the company who installed them to see if we can get some numbers on how they are actually being used per month. Moving forward we maybe will look at other spots for a few more.

## Activities/Budget for 2023

- a. Expanding the tree give away.
- b. Continuing the battery recycling
- c. Adding Greendisk Recycling Program –support information was attached. (USB ports, disks, etc.) ~ members discussed the program and felt it would be a good program. EAC will be seeking approval from the BoS.
- d. Christmas light recycling.
- e. Bird watching
- f. Ramp Clean Ups
- g. Composting program
- h. Green Award
- i. Adding another pollinating garden or rain garden ~ retention basins, and etc.
- j. Watch new development near streams. Figure out what land LGT controls and make a subcommittee. Planting in head waters and stream banks.
- k. First year adding the Green Award

## 6. New Business

- a. Energy Committee report –the committee developed a draft list of green building and conservation standards that the Planning Commission could consider in response to the future waiver/exemption request from developers. It was suggested that after the EAC has discussed along with the recommendations be passed along to the Building and Zoning Sub-Committee and work with them to incorporate these updated ideas into regulation and from there, present to the BOS. It was also asked if the EAC could be informed of the properties that are to be discussed. Timing of both meetings and when the PC packets were sent was discussed. The EAC asked even if there were just addresses. The PC representatives were going to reach out and see if they were able to get any information for upcoming meetings sooner to share with EAC.

## 7. Standing Items

- a. Bird town scheduling – planning to do a Bird talk on February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Battery Recycling scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 8. Points of interest/General comments

- a. EAC would like to be notified of all upcoming meetings for the Planning Commission and for Building and Zoning meetings. Someone from the EAC will also try to contact someone from these committees to get an idea of all properties involved.
- b. General questions or comments:
  - i. Penllyn Woods pollinator garden: The Township staff will be adjusting the grade of the garden this winter to fix the water flow from the drain spout, so that it reaches the center of the garden.
  - ii. EAC will consider community volunteer events to help maintain the townships rain and pollinator gardens.

**Meeting concluded @ 8:40 pm**

**Next meeting: TUESDAY, February 7, 2023**