

Lower Gwynedd Township

**Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
September 13th, 2023**

Members in Attendance:

Lisa Brown, Co-Chair
Mark Schafer, Co-Chair
Rea Monaghan
Maureen Nunn

Marianne Grey
Brenda Doll
Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski

Associate Members: Rich Valiga

Board of Supervisors Liaison: Tessie McNeely & Mike Twersky

Staff In Attendance: Sandi Feight

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes accepted as submitted.
3. **Request to move items from Consent Agenda to Regular agenda, and any other items to be considered as part of the Regular Agenda –**
4. **Approval of Regular Agenda.** Agenda approved as is.
5. **Consent Agenda.** -nothing
6. **Old Business –** BOS would like to see the budget by the end of October broken down specifically. EAC would most likely increase the tree budget (2024 increase tree giveaway to 400 trees) and also the battery and techno trash recycling. Line items budget would be best. There would be 2 lump sums, 1 for the trees and 1 for everything else. \$9048.66 has been spent to date, not including the trees. Trees cost around \$12,000 with an operating budget of \$15,000.
 - a. **Updates on:**
 - i. Going Green Award – Post cards have been sent out and received. It was also put into the monthly newsletter. The subcommittee has plenty of volunteers. Submissions close on 9/15 and interviews will begin shortly after that. The award will be given out at a future BOS meeting.
 - ii. Tree Giveaway – Registration opens tomorrow, 9/14. Maybe we could possibly add to the bottom of the form about volunteering during the giveaway. The trees will be dropped off on Friday night. Someone from the EAC will reach out to the boy scouts for volunteer help that day.

- iii. Fall Fest – Set on Saturday 9/23 will start at 9:30 am. The township will provide a table and tent for the EAC. The township employees will bring everything over to Houston Road that is needed for the EAC that day.

b. Calendar Updates

- i. Bird walks – Steve cannot do Friday nights anymore for the bird walks, he is looking into possibly doing them on Sunday,

7. New Business -

- a. Pollinator Pathway Project – We will be working on a demonstration area sometime this Fall. EAC would need to present a plan showing where in the township this could be done and what it could look like once finished. The subcommittee has identified environmental focus area that the EAC can support and provide assistance to the township.

8. Prioritization of Long-Range Projects -

- a. Subcommittee met on 7/12 to further refine goals to tackle Watershed and Land stewardship efforts.

9. Standing Items – Committee and Liaison updates

- a. Staff Liaison report (Sandi) – techno trash recycling is still going really well. Will look into increasing the bulk purchase of techno boxes to save money. Increasing the number of auto refill buckets for the batteries.
- b. Planning Commission Liaison – Everything has been put into the township newsletter regarding the Planning Commission. Also, GMU came back with no resistance at all to our requests.
- c. Parks and Rec Liaison – The review of the master plans and the trail connection went well but the Georgetown residents have concerns about the trail connection.
- d. LGT Comprehensive Plan liaison – The committee meets next Monday. They will discuss where they are with the planning and having Open House on October 26.

10. Points of interest/General comments – Lead paint discussion.

Meeting concluded @ 8:40 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 11th