

Lower Gwynedd Township EAC Meeting Agenda
November 9, 2022, 7:00 PM
Township Building Conference Room
Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89335343293>

Meeting ID: 893 3534 3293 Call in: 267 831 0333, 929 205 6099

1. Call to order, attendance, introductions of new participants or visitors (2 min)
2. Approval of prior minutes (attached)
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
5. Consent agenda (documents attached):
Treasurer's report
Meeting minutes
6. Old Business (10-15 minutes)
 - a. Review of 2022 activities and accomplishments
 - b. See appended list of Updates/Reports
7. New Business (30 minutes)
 - a. Discussion of activities/budget for 2023
 - a. Budget allocations
 - b. Potential new ideas: additional recycling initiative; composting; Green award; pollinator gardens
 - b. AOB as requested at start of meeting
8. Points of interest/General comments
 - a. Questions/comments on committee reports
 - b. General questions or comments

Background materials:

- Treasurer's Report
- Draft of October 12, 2022 meeting minutes, with any changes/comments noted

Next meeting: December 14, 2022

Updates/Reports for Nov 9 EAC meeting:

1. Updates regarding Sep 29 joint BOS-EAC meeting

a. *Single use plastics*: The day after the meeting, Kathy Hunsicker conveyed a request from Mary Cullom (Arpeggio) that the EAC not publicize anything about customers bringing their own reusable plastic containers to use for leftovers. Mary intended to survey the local restaurants to determine who would like to participate and wanted to do some publicity around it. She wanted the EAC to hold off until the restaurants initiated things. A few weeks later, Mary reported that she had abandoned the effort on the bring-your-own-containers and was, instead, preparing to survey her customers to determine whether they would be willing to pay a little extra to allow Arpeggio to purchase reusable containers for leftovers. So, we can proceed on this however we want at this point.. (For some reason, Mary was not in favor of listing the names of restaurants that encourage people to bring their own containers, but I think we can if we want to do the research.)

b. *Green building issues*: A meeting among Neil Stein, Lisa, Maureen, Rich, and Craig Melograno was set up for Nov 1 but is now rescheduled for Nov 14 at 4 PM.

2. RF100 fall regional meeting

This was a very informative day, and it was hard to process everything.

a. Brandon Ford, Springfield Twsp's assistant manager (and an officer of the Montgomery Cnty Consortium of Communities and a bunch of other stuff), is willing to talk to the EAC and/or Board about opportunities that might be available with the IRA and IJA monies that PA expects to receive and redistribute. Do we want to do this, or have him speak to a subgroup of EAC?

b. WeConservePA, which organized the meeting, offers dozens of model documents for municipalities concerning conservation and recreation, as well as conservation easements, land use regulation, and more.

c. West Vincent Twsp described a very sweet program called the Pollinator Pitstop Program, which promoted establishment of many smallish pollinator gardens throughout the municipality that can be mapped to show how the township could become a preferred spot for species like Monarchs to hang out as they travel their migration routes (or other species that stay put but have impt pollinating roles). The program involved school kids, scouts, garden clubs, and more. They had schematics of possible designs and plantings for a pollinator garden.

<https://www.westvincentwp.org/pollinator-pitstop-program>

3. Rte 309 ramp cleanup: took place on November 5. There were 5 volunteers (a sixth had to drop out because of illness). There were a few glitches (PW staff were not around; didn't have enough trash bags) but it was a very successful day. Even though PennDOT had cleaned about 10 days before, we filled 6 big trash bags and a 5-gallon drum we found; we could probably have filled a few more bags.