

*Lower Gwynedd Township*

**Environmental Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 9th, 2024**

**Members in Attendance:**

Mark Schafer, Chair (Zoom)  
Rea Monaghan, Vice Chair  
Maureen Nunn

Brenda Doll  
Lisa Brown (Zoom)  
Marianne Grey

**Associate Members:** Rich Valiga, Suzanne Smith

**Board Of Supervisors Liaison:** Tessie McNeely & Danielle Duckett (Zoom)

**Staff in Attendance:** Sandi Feight

1. **Call to Order, attendance, introductions of new members, participants, or visitors** - Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM
2. **Approval of prior minutes (attached)** – accepted as approved.
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** – Handbook update
5. **Consent agenda-**
  - a. August 24 meeting minutes – approved as presented
  - b. September 11 meeting minutes - approved
6. **Going Green Award – Maureen update** applications have been submitted and interviews will be setup, Maureen will coordinate with Sandi. Would like this to be on November's agenda for voting on the winner.
7. **Old Business**
  - a. Board Of Supervisors RF100 Committee – EAC was tasked with creating the criteria for a taskforce with the skill sets and goals for the committee. Marc suggested some background in energy production and efficiency and the ability to do research. Lisa, Rea and Tessie will brainstorm a set of skill sets.
  - b. Single-Use plastics subcommittee – Rea sent a list of potential steps to take moving forward to establish a single use plastic subcommittee. Rea will share and email with everyone so everyone can review. The subcommittee would come up with a plan of action. As a reminder the Board of Supervisors had requested that a discussion take place with business and restaurant owners.

- c. WHS Natatorium Garden Update – Brenda – Everything is planted. Some of the kids and volunteers are watering it. A article was requested to be included in the Spring Newsletter. Brenda will send photos.
  - d. Tree give away wrap up – Tree giveaway did well. All the trees were given away. Weather cooperated. Sandi and Santino talked after the giveaway and will set up differently next year in the parking lot for a variety of reasons. Will keep the number at 300 trees for next year. Mark thanked the committee for their great work.
  - e. We Conserve Fall EAC Conference – Tessie stated it was good. Tessie went on the sustainability tour. They discussed storm water management, effects of the tornado, replanting trees and making a property resilient. There were breakout sessions and an emphasis on shifting lawns, energy consumption on township buildings and solar energy.
- 8. Standing Items – Committee and Liaison updates**
- a. Parks & Recreation Department & Staff Liaison – Gilmore is still working on the Woodland evaluation. Staff will be meeting with them next week. They are currently looking for 2 quotes for the pollinator gardens for Oxford and Pen Ambler Park. Fall Fest was a success.
  - b. Planning Commission Liaison – there was a reminder that the update given should reflect the prior meeting, not any upcoming meetings.
  - c. LGT Comprehensive Plan Liaison – Monday 10/28 4-6 pm is the open house and will be the last open house. The Township was asked by some residents to extend the time of this open house because they are not able to attend during the listed hours. There will be staff available while people are still coming in the door.
- 9. Points of Interest/General comments** – If anyone has any comments or changes, they would like to see in the internal handbook please email Rea. Maureen sent Sandi the link on the information on lead and lead exposures for the newsletter. Danielle stated that Ambler EAC members have reached out about their community gardens and invited us to a presentation and workshop on 10/22 about creating, maintaining, and funding a community or school garden. It will be at the Springfield Township Library at 7 pm. Next meeting in November will be a budget meeting.

Meeting concluded: 8:01 PM

Next Meeting: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024