

November 8, 2010

**LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Environmental Advisory Council met in regular session on November 8th, 2010, at the Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062. Interim Chairman, Chris Cope, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. <u>ROLL CALL</u>	Chris Cope, Chairman	Present
	Scott Alderfer, Vice Chairman	Present
	Chris McGrath, Secretary	Present
	John Fisher, Member	Present
	Chris Sacchi, Member	Present
	Toni Geosits, Member	Excused
	Thomas Beil, Planning Comm Member	Present
	Marti Schwartz, Parks & Rec	Present
	Sara Pandl, Dir of Planning/Comm Dev	Present

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS-

None

5. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

6. PRESENTATION

None

7. COMMUNICATION

7.1. EAC Network – Various E-mails.

- *LVPC Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan Updates*: S Pandl reported Bill Erdman, in comment phase, small portion in the Southern part of Twsp on South Mtn.

7.2. LMT Newsletter Article: *Keeping Fish off Drugs*

- Newsletter out in December, 2010.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

- None

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

- October 11th, 2010 – Approved

10. COMMITTEE MATTERS

10.1. Natural Resources Inventory – Update (Steven Forster & Jurate Hayes)

- Reviewed of newest map from LCCD, landowners identified.

10.2 Penn Meadow's Storm-water Basin Retrofit

10.2.1. Keystone Eng Analysis (Solar/electric) Aerator

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- Open item.
- 10.2.2. Update on tree planting event held on Oct 27th thru 29th
 - Light turn out from a variety of groups.
- 10.2.3. Future Maintenance- EAC to order Grow Zone Signs.
 - More descriptive signs needed to explain more of what is going on. 1) No mowing and 2) Something more educational. C Sacchi brought in examples of signs for the no mow zone. This also included a rough draft of an interpretive sign.
 - Discuss with Public Works to assist with installation
 - S Zahradnik to be contacted by C McGrath to look into assistance with watching over the site.
- 10.3 Community Education & Outreach
 - 10.3.1 T. Beil to compare and detail various Policy and Ordinances for 1) wetlands, 2) riparian buffers, 3) secondary on lot sewage disposal 4) UST inspections
 - Comparison of current ordinances with neighboring Twsp to be developed, presentation for the December timeframe. S Pandl to collaborate with T Beil and provide shared experience.
- 10.4 Recycling – Electronics Recycling Date– Oct.16th
 - Advanced Green Solutions very pleased with the turnout.
 - Limited acceptance of goods that were electronics related was fine, they suggested a 9AM-2PM vs 8:30-11:30 event.
 - Future Needs: Greater EAC presence, educational oppts? Signs
- 10.5 Planning Commission – Next meeting Nov 9th
 - On October 12th, 2010 meeting, the EAC forwarded comments to the PC regarding Jaindl Preliminary Plan. November's meeting on this topic was postponed.
 - Firestone Tire Store project reviewed to be located across from Wal-Mart and next to the strip center across Mill Creek Road. Impact on runoff and current flooding with Spring Creek. S Pandl and T Beil to bring up at the planning meeting.
- 10.6 Parks & Recreation
 - EAC and open space land preservation: Includes Planning and response on any land preservation efforts.
 - Citizen's request for a Dog Park received.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Old Business

- 11.1.1 LCA well monitoring information – *S Alderfer to update and draft letter to Twsp*
 - S Alderfer to review with D Zosky to get the last communications on this topic, then draft of a letter was reviewed that will go to B Fosselman and then a meeting with Keystone will be considered.
- 11.1.2 City of Allentown/LCA SWPTAP & Monitoring Programs
 - LCA to provide corrections and edits on plan. Allentown to review and utilize EAC input, example grow zone signs.
- 11.1.3 Greenways and Open Space Plan
 - John Fisher will take a lead
- 11.1.4 MS4 Education & Outreach

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- Storm water decals from WREN Grant to be installed spring 2011.
- Utilizing scouts to assist need to notify Public Works on how the project will be managed. T Geosits was interested

11.1.5 Regional- Little Lehigh EAC Collaboration

- Green Drinks, Allentown Beerworks, Wed 11/10/10, 6:00 PM.

11.1.6 Kratzer Farm Report

- Possible sale of assets, Twsp to own the land, current renter of the house, Twsp uses barn.
- EAC recommendations will be solicited. Native plant, invasive species to be considered.

11.2 New Business

11.2.1 LMT SCARP Program

- Twsp has information regarding this program on the website.

11.2.2 Hills @ Lockridge Storm water Retrofits

- Three grants in process. 1) LCCD submitting a Growing Greener Grant. 2) S Pandl submitting a proposal for Schuylkill Highlands mini grant. 3) DCNR community partnership grant, would address a recreational component.
- First stage will cover two basins closest to Schoeneck Road.

11.2.3. Shade/Street Tree Ordinance

- EAC has concern that current code enforcement efforts are not consistent or followed.
- Current right of way ordinance is being reviewed. See posted on website.

11.2.5. Native Plant Sale- Spring 2011

- April 2nd, 2011 green gardening work shop. Areas reserved are the front room at the community center and section to the right by the gazebo. 9AM-12PM is the current time slot.
- S Alderfer to evaluate possibility of a workshop, educational portion prior to the sale would be beneficial.
- Look at mid to late March; coordinate with local nurseries, possible Macungie farmers market. Tie in with Earth day was discussed.
- Local Township landscaping and type of specified plants should be reviewed.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

13. ADJOURNMENT- 8:15 PM