

LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
Environmental Advisory Council
December 12, 2011, MEETING MINUTES

The Environmental Advisory Council met in regular session on December 12, 2011, at the Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062. Chairman, Scott Alderfer, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE

3. ROLL CALL

Scott Alderfer, Chairman	Present
Chris Cope, Vice Chairman	Excused
Chris McGrath, Secretary	Excused
Chris Sacchi, Member	Present
John Fisher, Member	Present
Toni Wellington-Geosits, Member	Present
Thomas Beil, Planning Comm. Member	Present
Marti Schwartz, Parks & Rec. Member	Present

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris McGrath has announced his resignation from the EAC and would like to remain an associate member.

EAC reappointments and vacancies will be filled at the January 3, 2012 meeting of the Planning commission.

Water testing equipment to be used for the retention pond testing will be purchased with 2011 budget funds.

EAC network has an educational DVD available: Reduced Water Runoff

5. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

6. PRESENTATION

Rebecca Kennedy and Erin Frederick, consultants for the Lehigh County Conservation District presented the last draft of the Natural Resource Inventory for final approval.

LCCD downsizing has eliminated Rebecca and Erin, Rebecca has recommended Tim Dugan, DCNR Forester for consultation on Penn's Meadow project issues.

7. COMMUNICATION

7.1 EAC Network – various e-mails

7.2 Grant opportunities – Members are encouraged to continue looking for grant opportunities.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

July 11, 2011

November 14, 2011

10. COMMITTEE MATTERS

10.1 Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

- NRI report has been finalized.
- 10.2 Penn Meadow's Storm water Basin
Solar aerator maintenance and winterization was discussed. Documentation is needed, J. Fisher will follow up.
- 10.3 Community Education & Outreach
- 10.3.1 Electronics Recycling Event
Tentative date is March 17, time expansion to 1PM is being considered (9 am to 1pm)
A hazardous material collection event is also under consideration.
- 10.3.2 LMT Land Use Ordinances
EAC recommendations were well received by planning commission, particularly those on secondary septic system sites and steep slopes.
- 10.3.3 Invasive Plant Species Removal Event
Chris Sacchi will investigate method recommendations. Scott Alderfer will contact Rebecca Kennedy for her recommendations. Purchase of a Weed Wrench is being considered.
- 10.3.4 Spring Educational Seminar Event
We are looking for topics.
- 10.4 Planning Commission items
Faith Evangelical Church addition of office space and Sanctuary, parking space requirements are for 1200 cars, current availability is 700.
3 ordinances are under review, Forestry changes, outdoor fuel burning appliances, and airport overlay.
- 10.5 Parks & Recreation
Consideration of a different symbol for natural area signage as the cattail could possibly be considered an invasive species.
- 10.6 Open Space & Natural Resources – nothing at this time

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1. Old Business
- 11.1.1 Greenways Plan-none
- 11.1.2 LVPC Natural Heritage Inventory update project-none
- 11.1.3 Stormwater Catch Basin Decals
Scott Alderfer attempted contact with Chris Oberle on project.
- 11.1.4 Shade/Street Tree Ordinance draft-ongoing
- 11.2. New Business
- 12.1 A motion was passed to recommend approval of the LMT Natural Resource Inventory, subject to approval by EAC chair with submissions by EAC members.
- 12.2 John Fisher was appointed EAC secretary.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT -none

13. ADJOURNMENT – 8:22 PM