

February 22nd, 2010

**LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Environmental Advisory Council met in regular session on February 22nd, 2010 in the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062. Chairman, Brian Evans, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. <u>ROLL CALL</u>	Brian R. Evans, Chairman	Present
	Scott Alderfer, Vice Chairman	Present
	Chris McGrath, Secretary	Present
	Dana Bacher, Member	Present
	Chris Cope, Member	Present
	Chris Sacchi, Member	Present
	Marti Schwartz, Parks & Rec	Present
	Sara Pandl, Dir of Planning/Comm Dev	Present
	Thomas Beil, Planning Comm Rep	Present

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS-

4.1. Thomas Beil appointed as Planning Commission Representative

4.2 LCCD – Natural Resources Inventory Workshop rescheduled for Wednesday 3/10/10

5. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS –

6. PRESENTATION-None

6.1. Rebecca Kennedy – LCCD- Natural Resources Inventory (NRI).

- NRI will provide a method, via specific definitions, that natural resources/features will be cataloged with one benefit being the twps ability to assist/enable current and future ordinances and be the guide on how to address if they need to be protected. The report may also include recommendations on resource protection methodology and will be included in the final report if they are in agreement with the current EAC/Twp. Guidelines.
- Land use maps were presented from 1930, 1970 and 2005 and will be a key resource to help us focus on areas to concentrate on.
- R Kennedy and the EAC recommend the initiative be managed by a subgroup that will include residents.
- Publicizing the NRI effort will be the first step and will help with delivering a consistent message explaining the rationale, benefits, and needs from residents, etc. Following will be executed: press release, website posting, and EPP announcement.
- A contract/work scope will be executed with LCCD.
- Initial subgroup meeting will be on Friday 3/19/10, R Kennedy to coordinate.

6.2. Watershed Awareness Day: Scheduled for 5/19/10 @ Macungie Park, EPSD Eyer/LMMS Students. 6 sessions and presentations are planned.

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6.3. Lee Lichtenwalner – LMT

6.3.1. Electronics Recycling – 5/8/10 9:00 AM-12:00PM. \$10 fee for monitors

6.3.2. Township Clean-up 4/24/10

- Traditionally the local Boy Scout troops have participated. Upper Milford has expressed interest in co-joining efforts with LMT. In a further attempt to pull in outside organizations, LMYA would be an option to approach, sponsor a provided lunch for all volunteers at the comm ctr.

6.3.3. Tree Planting – Tree Vitalization Grant – not yet scheduled

- \$25,000 in grant money remaining, Spring Creek Estates Park and Beaumont Park to be targeted, 450 total have been planted to date. Mostly along Spring Creek Road.

6.4. Sara Pandl – Natural Lands Trust Stewardship Assessment.

- A presentation was made at LMT on 2/22 with S Pandl. Shared their experience on how to manage land trust areas. Group has little activity in Lehigh County. Kratzer Farm on Willow Lane maybe targeted, proximity to the storm water basin retrofit is a positive as well. .

6.5. Sara Pandl – Greenway project.

- DCNR grant finding available. The group discussed a multi faceted team, including LMT employees; a communication to Twp residents is needed to solicit input.

7. COMMUNICATION

7.1. EAC Network – Various E-mails.

7.2. LCA – Hydro-Mania 5/14/10.

- Looking for EAC volunteers, will be at Cedar Crest College.

7.3. KCI – MS4 Program Education & Outreach

7.4. Shoemaker Elementary – Earth day (4/22/10) education request

- Possibly direct them to the Hydro-Mania at Cedar Crest or the Twp Clean up day.

7.5. Allentown EAC – Event sponsorship request

- Julie Thomases, Allentown EAC, follow up from the Green Drinks event.

7.6. Watershed/runoff stenciling program.

- L. Lichtenwalner stated that sites East of Brookside have been taken done, has access to volunteers as well and some older stencils. Water Resources Education Network (WREN) can also provide grant support.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

9.1 January 11, 2010 – Approved

10. COMMITTEE MATTERS

10.1 Natural Resources Inventory

10.2 Community Education & Outreach-Schools

10.3 Recycling

10.4 Green Design/Natural Resource Protection

10.5 Regional – Little Lehigh EAC Collaboration

11. OTHER BUSINESS

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11.1 Old Business

11.1.1 City of Allentown Source Water Protection Program.

- On hold

11.1.2 LCA SWPP & Monitoring Program

- S Pandl and B Evans to review LCA plan.

11.1.3 Storm water basin retrofits

- S Pandl reported tree planting planned in the fall, Concrete being removed this spring; possibly heal trees in at the planned garden plots at Camp Olympic.

11.2 New Business

11.2.1 None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT-None

12.1. 4/10/10 Sustain-a-Ball

12.2. Planned garden plots at Camp Olympic

13. ADJOURNMENT- 8:49 PM EDT