

LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
Environmental Advisory Council
January 9, 2023 MEETING AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order, 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Chairman – Chris Sacchi

Vice-Chairman – Rob Spampinato

Secretary – David Bonette

Member – Jack Breiner

Member – Ellen Iobst

Member - Planning Commission Representative – Robert Rust

Member – Becky Short

Parks & Recreation Commission Representative – New representative requested

3. Announcements / Communications

- 3.1 Update about membership and dates for terms. Appointment letters from Board of Commissioners received on Thursday (1/5/2023). Election of officers: Vice Chair and Secretary
- 3.2 Next township newsletter – article due January 3 (based on previous year’s calendar) – Dave B. prepared an informative article for the next newsletter (first in the new format). Lorraine Lelko will contact committees in August for deadline for the October issue.
- 3.3 State EAC meeting online meeting February 25, 2023. (<https://weconservepa.org/event/eac-network-conference/>). We have paid for registration for such meetings in the past. Will follow up about how to reimburse members for participation.
- 3.4 Thanks to Becky Short for keeping up with Bare root tree program – contacted Stanley Cupp to confirm attendance at next meeting regarding bare root tree program.
- 3.5 MS4 and water-related issues – LMT Priority – Zach Graves has reported on MS4 activities.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

December 12, 2023

5. Committee Matters

5.1 Planning Commission – Bob Rust

5.2 Parks & Recreation – New representative in future.

5.3 Open Space & Natural Resources

5.4 Trees – Chris Sacchi and Rob Spampinato – Arbor Day location and trees. Big trees as in past? Becky S. recommends participating in Tree Pennsylvania <https://treepennsylvania.org/> bareroot tree program for spring.

5.5 Bird Town. Forwarded info to Fred Zahradnik about recent BirdTown communications. Following up with Bird Town representative to attend one of our meetings,

5.6 Community Education & Awareness Including MS4 Activities (Facebook, LMT Township Newsletter, and others)

6. Other Business

6.1.1 LMT property – farm leases. Recommendation to consider leasing to new farmers, perhaps Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), Agrivoltaics.

6.1.2 Penn’s Meadow, planting, mowing, weed concerns in other LMT lands/parks/trails/ riparian zones. Usually host an exotic plant/removal day at Penn’s Meadow for larger trees that can’t be mowed (January or February)

6.1.3 LMT sustainability: wait for updates.

6.1.4 Community Days preparation: seed choice, packaging, things to attract residents to our table, e.g., Lantern fly ‘crowns’ .

7. New Business

6.1.1 Followup on 2023 EAC goals and activities. Review of planning and goals. Please bring ideas and perspectives on progress to make in the next year. Link to our current Bylaws and the Ordinance creating EACs are included here.

(From LMT EAC page: About Us)

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is appointed by the Board of Commissioners and is governed by [Codified Ordinance §1.231 to §1.238 \(PDF\)](#) and the [EAC Bylaws \(PDF\)](#). This council should have 5 to 7 members (1 of which is a Planning Commission member), that serve 3 year terms that expire the 1st Monday in January.

8. Adjournment