

**LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP**  
**Environmental Advisory Council**  
**MINUTES for the Meeting of April 12, 2021**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**--Present:
  - Chairman - Chris Sacchi
  - Vice-Chairman - Rob Spampinato
  - Secretary - Dave Bonette
  - Member - Ted Wells
  - Parks & Rec Rep - Marti Schwartz
  - MS4 Rep - Zach Graves**Absent:** Bob Rust, Hilary Mack
3. **ARBOR DAY TREE-PLANTING**
  - Scott Alderfer, PA Arbor Day Coordinator, presented:
  - a. Event will occur Friday, April 30, 5:00pm at Camp Olympic play area near barn
  - b. Same tree list as last year
  - c. Stan Kupp suggested changes to placement so Chris will redraw map
  - d. Frederick Leary gets trees wholesale
  - e. Frederick's crew will dig holes
  - f. Ceremony will include Boy Scouts, Pledge of Allegiance
  - g. Idea of \$50 gift certificate at local nursery discussed
  - h. Event will be publicized on Facebook, etc.
4. **PENN'S MEADOW**
  - a. Mowing was done off-schedule due to coordination issues
  - b. Invasive pear trees widespread; Possible use of herbicide discussed
5. **COORDINATION WITH OTHER GROUPS**
  - a. Dave and Scott reviewed Little Lehigh Watershed Stewards meeting
  - b. Fred Z knew people at Wildlands; they invited us to participate in projects
6. **MS4--SAUERKRAUT LANE SWALE**
  - a. Zach presented update
  - b. Name needed, e.g. "Bear's Woods"--ideas wanted
  - c. Possible installation of check dams, etc
  - d. We are in planning stage for trees, wildflowers, walkways, signage, etc.--suggestions welcome
  - e. Ernst can consult on seed mix, mowing, etc.
7. **EAC BUDGET PROCESS**
  - a. Non-employee committees like us no longer have formal budgets
  - b. We still have access to estimated \$2,500-3,000 but must be spent via township employees
8. **SLDO**--copy distributed; statement of historic preservation and environmental conservation
9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. Rob made a motion to approve minutes for Nov. 9, 2020 and March 8, 2021 meetings; Ted seconded; motion carried
10. **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

- a. Marti presented Parks & Rec update
  - b. Need list of approved Memorial Trees; Chris will share his list; Scott to provide Philadelphia's list
  - c. Memorial signage be standardized; should ID tree species
  - d. Tree maintenance discussed
11. COMMUNITY EDUCATION & AWARENESS
- a. Rob posted lanternflies and Lilehi Stewards
  - b. Newsletter will cover Arbor Day event
  - c. Continue promoting good news to FaceBook
12. OTHER BUSINESS
- a. Letter of Recognition complete for all former volunteers; Chris will continue to explore special letter for Fred Z for meritorious service above and beyond
  - b. One vacancy on EAC -- candidate info distributed; to be discussed next meeting; diversity is an important consideration
  - c. Dave presented summary of EAC Network Meeting he attended; discussion of Sierra Club "Ready for 100" Campaign for carbon neutrality; members were referred to the WeConservePA website for EAC support materials
13. ADJOURNMENT
- a. Rob moved, Ted seconded; motion carried