

**LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP**  
**Environmental Advisory Council**  
**JUNE 14, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

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

**2. Roll Call**

Chairman – Chris Sacchi

Vice-Chairman – Rob Spampinato

Secretary – David Bonette

Member – Hilary Mack

Member – Ted Wells

Member - Planning Commission Representative – Robert Rust (not present)

Parks & Recreation Commission Representative – Marti Schwartz

**3. Announcements / Communications**

- 3.1 Penn’s Meadow naturalized area: tour was held; other committee members also encouraged to tour; continued attention to control of exotics both woody and herbaceous species. Rob featured in Facebook page.
- 3.2 Kratzer Farm: a) Zach to report to Stan Cupp to check for tree beneath bridge; trees in Little Lehigh have been a concern in the past. b) Questions raised about crop rotation; Zach to check on end date of farmer’s contract. c) Variety of unusual trees there noted.
- 3.3 Connect again with Wildlands Conservancy – still to do.
- 3.4 MS4 and water-related issues – Zach Graves. a) Twp rcvd quotes for stormwater control at Willow Grove School, amounts as expected. Design phase to be this year; construction next year. b) Twp rcvd \$ from state for sanitary sewer; Zach will check to see if it can be used for stormwater. c) Some homeowners/communities reporting infiltration of sewage into LL. LCA checked but found no major leaks.
- 3.5 Open Space -- Respond to call to support open space funding within the township. Assist as permitted to do so...as residents individually or as a committee, as allowable. Zach to check with Renea if committee is limited.
- 3.6 New EAC Member -- Forwarded recommendations of EAC to the BOC. BOC will discuss the EAC vacancy at an upcoming workshop and will appoint new member.

**4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

May 10, 2021 - approved (Rob motion, Ted 2nd)

**5. Committee Matters**

- 5.1 Planning Commission – Bob Rust (not present)
- 5.2 Parks & Recreation – Marti Schwartz --no report yet; meetings start up again this month.
- 5.3 Open Space & Natural Resources
- 5.4 Trees – Tree list
- 5.5 Bird Town - Chris to ask Renea on status of signs
- 5.6 Community Education & Awareness Including MS4 Activities (Facebook,

LMT Township Newsletter, and others) -- Rob to put lanternfly info in newsletter

## **6. Other Business**

### 6.1. Old Business

6.1.1 LMT Community Climate Action Plan: Dave Bonette presented Sustainability Questionnaire as first step to gathering info on what twp is already doing if anything. Progress could be reported on a Sustainability website page. Info requested on EV Charging Station at Commtty Ctr. Zach will follow up with twp staff to gather info. Chris provided links to climate action plans from other nearby communities. Can we build on plans created by similar sized communities? Letter to BOC recommending action, would need information documenting practical ways to achieve carbon reduction goals. Greg's old plan discussed; may have been on an old agenda but was apparently never presented to BOC or approved.

6.1.2 Examine and update approved tree list sent by Nate Jones.

6.1.2 Other tree-planting projects. Plan an event for fall. Should this be in a conspicuous place in the township, a naturalized area e.g., along the greenway? Chris suggested smaller trees so community groups could do actual planting. Rob suggested pear tree removal. Also not mowing to encourage tree growth/natural succession.

## **6.2. New Business**

6.2.1 Consider upcoming priorities for environmental issues in LMT. Rob raised issue of food stability for LMT. Could Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) be established on Kratzer Farm? Could it be written into farmer's next contract?

## **7. Adjournment**

Rob motion, Dave 2nd