

*Lower Gwynedd Township*

**Environmental Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Members in Attendance:**

Lisa Brown, Co-Chair  
Mark Schafer, Co-Chair  
Rea Monaghan  
Maureen Nunn

Marianne Grey  
Brenda Doll  
Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski

**Associate Members:** Rich Valiga

**Board of Supervisors Liaison:** Tessie McNeely & Mike Twersky

**Staff In Attendance:** Sandi Feight

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes accepted as submitted.
3. **Request to move items from Consent Agenda to Regular agenda, and any other items to be considered as part of the Regular Agenda –**
4. **Approval of Regular Agenda.** Agenda approved as is.
5. **Consent Agenda.**
6. **Old Business**
  - a. **Updates on:**
    - i. Going Green Award - Post cards went out in the mail and everything is on schedule
    - ii. Tree Giveaway – Post cards went out in the mail. Everything is ready for the newsletter. 9/14 is the day registration opens for residents to sign up for a tree. There will be different native species. The total cost minus delivery will be \$12,085.00.
  - b. **Calendar Updates**
    - i. EAC Network Conference Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, West Chester – Mark submitted a 2-3 minutes presentation on the stream sign project and was accepted.
7. **New Business -**

- a. 2024 Budget Development – 2024 Green Award, Tree giveaway – will need to add some inflation for trees budget for more, movie nights, possible lead paint testing, energy education and medallions.

**8. Discussion of Long Range Projects**

- a. Tree canopy identification and replacement, naturalize and retrofit township owned storm water basins, replant trees along township roadways/community areas that have been impacted for development projects, removal of invasives on township owned property and plant native species, identify areas to implement rain gardens and low mow/no mow areas on township property, community garden, pollinator pathways, build medians and pedestrian refuge island on Bethlehem Pike, and establish midblock crossing spots along well traveled townships roads to improve trail access.

**9. Standing Items – Committee and Liaison updates**

- a. Staff Liaison report (Sandi) – Techno trash and battery collecting is still going very well. \$3487.00 has been reconciled so far this year. If we add in anything outstanding the total comes to around \$8400.00.
- b. Planning Commission Liaison – 2 big projects coming up but no information is available. Gwynedd Mercy University has proposed a Healthcare Innovation center, which will result in the removal of a significant number of trees. There is concern about losing the tree canopy with this project.
- c. Parks and Rec Liaison – There was public comment held on the master plan being presented to upgrade the parks. There is a trail being proposed to connect Ambler Yards to Anderson Park.

**Meeting concluded @ 8:19 pm**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**