

*Lower Gwynedd Township*

**Environmental Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Members in Attendance:**

Lisa Brown, Co-Chair  
Mark Schafer, Co-Chair  
Rea Monaghan (via Zoom)  
Maureen Nunn  
Marianne Grey  
Brenda Doll  
Steve Saffier

**Associate Members:** none

**Board of Supervisors Liaison:** Tessie McNeely

**Staff In Attendance:** Sandi Feight

**Not in Attendance:** Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski, Mike Twersky, Rich Valiga

**Guest:** none

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM
2. **Minutes.** Minutes accepted as amended.
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
5. **Consent Agenda.**
6. **Old Business-**
  - a. Staff explained the process of proposals to the BOS for approval. The EAC is ready to move forward with the composting event & The Going Green Award. Both will be presented at the 5/23 BOS meeting. If these projects are approved, Township Staff will buy the needed supplies for the Composting event.
  - b. Earth Fest event went well, a lot of seeds were given away.
  - c. Nothing has been approved yet regarding the garden clean up at Ingersoll House. Tessie will talk with Fred and Santino at her next monthly meeting with them. The electronic event is being held this weekend at Wissahickon High School. EAC will hopefully come up with a date for the Going Green Award after the BOS meeting. Saturday is also the battery/techno trash collection.
  - d. EAC has not done much with the “volunteer bank” and will hold on this for a while.
  - e. Spoke to someone at the WHS Environmental Club and they let us know they had the funds

covered that we were going to donate for their electronic recycling event. We did let them know to keep us in mind for future projects and donations.

- f. Lisa has had no luck in connecting with anyone for the Community Choice Aggregation. Lisa will still try and pursue other contacts about this.
- g. The turf replacement work with the Public Works department is moving forward.
- h. Trail clean-up went very well, there wasn't much trash.
- i. There has been no follow up with Paige and Journeywork.

#### **7. New Business -**

- a. Assuming the movie night is approved at the next BOS meeting and acquiring the license we are looking at June 26. Township Staff will check to see if the room is available.
- b. The EAC would like to get more publicity for all the events. It was mentioned about hiring a professional to publicize. It was also mentioned to use local newspapers and post on Neighbors and The Patch. Also, to collaborate with the Upper Dublin EAC. It was brought up that Brenda could set up an Instagram for the committee and post daily, this will need approval. Giving away seeds at events could be another way.

#### **8. Standing Items –**

- a. Staff Liaison report – Sandi has reviewed the procedure operations for the EAC. The Tree flag is up at Veterans Memorial Park. The Bird Town & Tree City plaques have been hung in the township building right outside the meeting room. It was also added that the Township does not keep a list of emails and that if someone wants to receive notices of happenings in the Township they should be encouraged to sign up through the website.
- b. A committee has been formed to work on long term projects. They are looking to meet after 6/7.

#### **9. Points of interest/General comments-**

**Meeting concluded @ 8:25**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**