

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 16, 2020 – 6:00pm**

Call to Order: Chairman Duffy called the virtual Zoom meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Duffy, EAC Members Baird, Lulis, McCool, and Zollers.
- b. Also in attendance were: Jason Sorgini, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Donald Delamater, Township Manager.

1. New Business

A) Social Media Platforms – Chairman Duffy inquired about the possible creation of social media platforms and website for the EAC. After some discussion about who would control the separate social media sites and what the potential Township liability, it was agreed that the EAC would use its page on the Township’s website and the Township’s Facebook to post information and see how effective it is before considering requesting its own sites.

B) Grant Research – Ms. McCool noted that the EAC is not eligible for the DEP grant that was circulated by Chairman Duffy. She also noted that we will need to have projects ready to move forward before applying for any grants. It was agreed that the EAC will form a subcommittee of Ms. McCool and Mr. Zollers to take the lead with grant research and report back to the entire EAC.

C) Stormwater Management Pamphlet – There was some discussion about the creation of a stormwater management pamphlet that could be presented to the residents and general public as an educational source. It was agreed that the EAC will form a subcommittee of Mr. Duffy and Mr. Lulis to take the lead on drafting this pamphlet and presenting back to the EAC for review.

D) Rain Gardens – Mr. Zollers cautioned that rain gardens can take a wide range of forms and cost to the residents. The topic of rain gardens will be incorporated into the stormwater management pamphlet as it is drafted.

E) Keep America Beautiful Discussion – Chairman Duffy reported on the program of a statewide cleanup and how the EAC could adopt a highway or stream to keep clean. There was some discussion about the Perkiomen Watershed’s participation and role with this type of program and the possible partnering with scouts or other youth organizations or even school students who need service hours. After additional discussion, it was agreed that the EAC will continue to discuss this further on a future agenda under Old Business.

F) Tree Tenders Planting Events Discussion – Chairman Duffy reviewed this program. It was agreed that this is worth exploring and discussing with the County Conservation District. After additional discussion, it was agreed that the EAC will present this concept to the Board of Supervisors and request authorization to proceed with developing a tree planting program.

G) Rain Barrels and Compost Bins Spring Sale Opportunity – After some discussion about the proposed program, it was agreed that Ms. Baird will reach out to Brand Builders to get more details and present back to the EAC for possible proposal to Board of Supervisors.

H) Suggestions to give Supervisors re. Projects – The following are projects that were recommended by members of the EAC to present to the Board of Supervisors:

- Ms. Baird suggested electric car charging stations.
- Mr. Lulis suggested guest speakers at future EAC meetings – possibly Mascaro on the new recycling program.
- Mr. Lulis suggested an Accolades/Recognition program for those who have taken environmental initiatives. Mr. Lulis will research this and provide a proposal back to the EAC.
- Ms. McCool suggested a strategic approach to the big goals.
- Ms. McCool suggested electric car charging stations.
- Ms. McCool suggested joining the Ready for 100 group.
- Mr. Zollers suggested updating the Township properties for stormwater management purposes and removing invasive species.
- Ms. McCool suggested having a student representative on the EAC. Mr. Delamater will research if the EAC can have a student representative.

2. Old Business

A) Ready for 100 Presentation Scheduling – Ms. McCool noted that this group is looking to come out and present to the Lower Providence EAC about the Ready for 100 initiative and what they have to offer. After some discussion, it was agreed that Ms. McCool would reach out to the Ready for 100 group and check their availability to attend a future EAC meeting and make the presentation.

3. Comments and other Business

A) Ms. Baird inquired about the Township chip pile on Park Avenue. It was requested that the Township promote this to the public.

4. Courtesy of the Floor

A) No Comments at this time of the meeting.

B) Several residents made comments throughout the meeting when specific topics were discussed by the EAC members. Those residents were Anna Darpino Morris, Cara Coless, Gary Neights, Julia Nakhleh, and Douglas White.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Zollers made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Baird seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.