

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2021 – 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 Patrick Duffy, EAC Members Leah Baird, Joseph Lulis, Erin McCool, and John Zollers.
- b. Also in attendance were: Colleen Eckman, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Donald Delamater, Township Manager.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Mr. Zollers made a motion to approve the January 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Lulis seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

2. New/Old Business

- a. Valley Forge Audubon Society Presentation – Jim Ermer and Pat Nastase provided a presentation introducing the Valley Forge Audubon Society and how they can work with the Township to provide awareness to environmental concerns. They noted that the Valley Forge Audubon Society is a separate entity from the JJ Audubon Center but works closely with them on projects. Jim and Pat offered to assist the Township with our Earth Day programs/activities.
- b. Board of Supervisors' Directive for EAC - The EAC members reviewed the proposed directives from the Board of Supervisors pertaining to stormwater management in the Township. The EAC members were ok with the contents of the directives but asked if there were deadlines for the specific work. It was noted that Township Engineer Tim Woodrow should provide an overview to the EAC on the Skippack Creek MS4 program. Possibly at the March EAC meeting.
- c. Priorities and projects outside of stormwater directive – Ms. McCool reviewed her spreadsheet of the discussion topics that were noted at prior EAC meetings. It was agreed that the EAC members would review the topics and come back to the next meeting with a list of top priorities and who would volunteer to lead each topic. Once agreed upon by all EAC members, the list will then be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.
- d. Discussion around Earth Day – After some lengthy discussion amongst the EAC members, it was agreed to look into working with the Perkiomen Watershed Association to establish a location in Lower Providence for a stream clean up project on April 10th when the Watershed Association will be cleaning up the Perkiomen Creek. Then, the group will look into establishing an event at the JJ Audubon Center on April 17th or 18th that would include educational opportunities at the ARA fields since there will be a lot of people there for softball/baseball activities. The EAC members will work with the JJ Audubon Center, Valley Forge Audubon Society and the Optimist Club on these activities. The EAC members will come up with a hashtag to help promote Earth Day. Also, the Township will post on Facebook to request for volunteers to help with Earth Day programs.

3. Comments and other Business

- a. None

4. Courtesy of the Floor

- a. None.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Lulis made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Baird seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.