



# LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

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## LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL December 20, 2021 – 6:00pm

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Duffy called the meeting to order.

### **Roll Call:**

The following members were in attendance: Chairman Patrick Duffy, EAC Members Erin Leah Baird, Erin, McCool, and John Zollers. Also in attendance was Gary Neights, Board of Supervisors. Joseph Lulis was absent.

### **1. Approval of Minutes for November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 EAC Meeting**

Ms. McCool asked why priority items agreed at the beginning of the year are not carried through as agenda items so progress can be measured; confused new items like invasive plants and reusable bags to the exclusion of the strategic items. Chair Duffy explained that agendas are set 10 days ahead of the meeting and board members can give updates on the strategic items. Ms. Baird then explained that the electric car show planned at the beginning of the year didn't get executed due to new priorities. Mr. Zollers motioned to approve the minutes which was seconded by Ms. Baird. The Motion carried 4-0

### **2. New/Old Business**

A) Continuation of discussion of environmental club for Township youth. Ms. Laird stated she emailed Charlie and Irene who volunteered. The plan is to engage with them in the new year to support an event(s) such as Earth Day or Fall Fest. For example, Parks and Rec might organize an activity for middle school kids and Charlie/Irene (in High School) could facilitate. Erin commented that over a period of years the 6-8 graders will see the programs and 'graduate' to being high school volunteers.

B) Re-usable bag initiative. Chair Duffy discussed engaging with LPBA to get donations to buy bags that then could be sold for a profit at Earth Day and Fall Fest. The businesses would get advertising and the EAC / Township would have a vehicle to raise awareness. Ms. McCool requested Mr. Duffy provide her with a list of the LPBA businesses, but got no response. Discussion around the township handling the money and supporting cash flow timing if needed. Consensus to move forward.

### **3. Comments and other Business**

Mr. Duffy stated that he and Mr. Zollers are working on an invasive species ordinance. If the EAC later agrees with it, then the next step would be to take it to the board. He mentioned that Upper Moreland Township has one.

Mr. Duffy mentioned earth day awards and that he was working on sponsorships.

Ms. McCool stated that a spreadsheet of priority projects was created at the beginning of the year but these were not tracked and other projects pushed them out of the way. Also that Doug White presented on Ready 100 and recommends an energy audit. Wanted to understand how to move these along.

#### **4. Courtesy of the Floor**

Gary Neights stated that the recent federal inaction on climate change means groups like local EACs need to play a strong role in addressing global warming. And that global warming is a definite threat to our children and grandchildren. Called for making political decisions based on science.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned.