



# Environmental Advisory Council

## Meeting Agenda

February 9, 2023

Call to Order (Time: 6:00 PM)

Minutes (approval) – January 12, 2023

Visitors:

### Attendance:

|  |                 |  |                 |
|--|-----------------|--|-----------------|
|  | Jason Smith     |  |                 |
|  | Joe Esordi      |  |                 |
|  | Robert Neitz    |  | Kerry Reider    |
|  | Robert Stanke   |  | Belinda Roberts |
|  | Raymond Baratta |  |                 |

### Treasurer's Report

- ⌘ EAC Budget 2023 (As of January 31, 2023)
  - EAC Budget – \$14,000
  - Open Space Account Balance – \$3,034,757.65

### Old Business

- ⌘ Planning Commission Reviews
- ⌘ Open Space
  - Property Signage – Need to install on Shaffer
  - Develop Properties for Public Use – Need to develop plans
    - Mineo Parcel – Need trail to access Bushkill Creek for fishing
    - Bickert Parcel (along Township Trail) – Proposed single track walking trail with linkage to Bushkill Township Trail to access Sobers Run
    - Mertz Parcel – Proposed trails with linkage to Township rec complex trails
- ⌘ Old Projects (still active/on hold):
  - Bushkill Watershed – Watershed Boundary Signs – Install along Twp Roads – signs stored at Public Works Department
  - Lehigh Valley Greenway Projects – RN – update
  - Englers Run – Official Naming
- ⌘ Current Projects:
  - Ballas Preserve
    - Meadow Mowing
  - Albert Ponds
  - Highland Meadows Preserve
    - Develop Rules and Regulations
    - KR is working with Township Engineer on Site Development Plan
    - KR will reach out to local farmers about planting and cutting fields
    - Parking area is being constructed by Public Works Department
  - Heintzelman Preserve
    - Pond treatment
    - Poison Ivy has been removed from barns
    - Barn Repairs
  - Bushkill Township Trail
  - Wind Gap Business Center
  - Bridge Warehouse
  - Eagle Scout Projects – KR
- ⌘ St. Luke's Trail Project
- ⌘ Two Rivers Trail Gap 9a
- ⌘ MS4 Program Update
- ⌘ Biosolids prohibition
  - Conservation Easements – old
    - KR will reach out to Easement holders to explain the Biosolid amendment with a small write-up on Biosolids. Will start with someone that we are more familiar with.
      - Letters have been sent out to other properties with Conservation Easements in place that do not currently have biosolids prohibition in place

### New Business

- ⌘ Supervisor's Meeting Report
- ⌘ Official Map Update
  - KR will apply for LVG Mini Grant
- ⌘ Bushkill Center Fields Wetland Evaluation – KR and Zoning Officer investigated. There are no wetlands present

- ⌘ Earth Day
- ⌘ Planning Commission Reviews
- ⌘ Create Resilience – Bushkill Township was assigned a Home School student and Moravian Academy student. First virtual meeting was held on Monday February 6
- ⌘ Virtual EAC Network Conference February 25<sup>th</sup>
- ⌘ Newsletter Articles

**Executive Session – EAC members only**

- ⌘ Open Space
  - Matrix – review and update – See matrix for applicable comments/actions
  - Properties – (see Executive Session Agenda) – See property list for applicable comments/actions.

**Adjournment (Time: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ PM)**

**Action Items for next Planning Commission Meeting:**

**Action Items for next Supervisors Meeting:**