

I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) meeting of Lower Saucon Township (LST) was called to order on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:32 p.m., with Sandra Yerger, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Members: Sandra Yerger, Dru Germanoski, (speaker phone), Allan Johnson, Ann Spirk, Cindy Oatis, Tom Carocci and Laura Ray; **Associate Members:** Jennifer Helton, Glenn Kaye and Kaitlyn O'Connor Sommer (arrived at 6:33 p.m.); **Staff:** Carol Schneider. **Absent: Associate Members:** Nicholas Lynn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – Sandy said they did not meet in Executive Session.

II. OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE

A. **PROPERTY UPDATES** – Sandy said the only property update she has is the completion of the acquisition of property on Leithsville Road and they were very pleased with this one as there was a lot of nice farmland. Laura said she was going through old notes on property updates and they had asked for in November, Dru had asked for an update on the properties, everything in the pipeline, where things are, how things that have been evaluated, and it was asked again last month and it would be helpful for an update as a lot of these things take years. It's hard to remember the property just by saying the number of what anything is. Sandy said she knows there is one in the pipeline, there was an assessment done of the property and the two lawyers had talked about the property but they have not heard back and that was several months ago.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. **REORGANIZATION**

1. **NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN**

MOTION BY: Tom moved to nominate Sandy for Chairman.

SECOND BY: Ann

MOTION BY: Laura moved to nominate Dru for Chairman.

SECOND BY: Allan

Tom said the one that is seconded is voted on first. There's a motion on the table and a second, that one was Sandy Yerger. They have to remake their motion if your motion fails. Laura said well we just did nominations. Tom said but it was seconded. Sandy called for a roll call on her nomination.

Laura said it's hard to vote before we had our discussion and made all of our nominations.

ROLL CALL: 4-3 (No – Dru, Laura, Allan). (Glenn voted on this). Cindy said she doesn't know how to vote yet.

Tom said Associate members are non-voting members. Glenn said he will retract his vote. The EAC will vote again.

ROLL CALL: 3-3 (No – Dru, Laura, Allan). Cindy said she still doesn't know how to vote.

Sandy called Glenn's name in the roll call for a vote and he voted yes for Sandy. Jennifer said (about Glenn), may I ask first are you an associate or are you a voting member? My understanding is that you are an associate so you have no voting. Glenn said that's correct. Allan said he thought everybody can vote. Sandy said no, not on that one. Tom said you can't vote on anything, associates are non-voting members. Glenn retracted his vote.

Kaitlyn asked if someone can abstain until it is discussed. Tom said we can talk about it but there's a motion on the floor. Kaitlyn said she doesn't know procedurally what happens to a motion if somebody abstains from voting. Tom said they abstain from voting.

Kaitlyn said if its 3-3, abstaining would mean that motion could be raised later after a discussion. Then it would allow for discussion at that point. Tom said we can have a discussion but there's a motion on the floor and people have voted already. Laura said we already have questions about our voting members before we even started tonight based on reading our by-laws, yes. Sandy said yes what? Laura said we have a question on who our voting members are. Tom said the voting members are who Council said they are and they are here. It's that simple.

Laura said the by-laws say when there are vacancies on EAC when someone resigns, the Manager will notify the Council of resignations and it will be put on the website. When filling the vacancy, preference should be giving to an Associate and the EAC will make a recommendation to the Manager who will bring to Council for appointment to voting members. Tom said they did. Laura said the EAC will make a recommendation to the Manager which is what we did in December by voting 6-0 to fill the voting position with Kaitlyn. Tom said it was a recommendation and one of the reasons why our Township Manager did not go along with that recommendation because if you read Section 1.A. it says one voting member shall be represented by the Planning Commission. He is on the Planning Commission. Sandy is no longer on the Planning Commission. So, we need a member from the Planning Commission. Laura said that's not true.

Kaitlyn said she read through all this too. She is the one who was hoping to get appointed. She's concerned that at the December meeting you hadn't raised you wanted to be appointed. Tom said he hadn't decided. Kaitlyn said she agrees with him fully that you should be a voting member, you are 100%, and you need someone from the Planning Commission. Tom said he's the longest serving Associate. Kaitlyn said but the procedure that was followed to get there was not in accordance with the by-laws. Tom said it was a recommendation. Kaitlyn said that's not what it says for voting members of the EAC if you look at Section 1, Article 4 of the by-laws. We didn't have the by-laws until just today so she's only been able to look at them this afternoon. Jennifer said and in our minutes it does not say anything about us recommending Kaitlyn to become a voting member so there's a whole section of our vote that was missing. Tom said yes, 6-0 was the vote. Jennifer said it was not in the minutes. Sandy said they had a lot of trouble with the minutes.

Tom said Council appoints the voting members. Kaitlyn said Article 6, she misspoke earlier and it talks about nomination of the voting members and it says in Section 2, nominations of voting members shall be made from the EAC members and Associates at the annual organization meeting. So that's where our voting members are coming from. She believes that the position that in new business item B. when we accept the resignation of Michael Boyle, she does believe there will then be a vacancy. She does believe that vacancy should go to you because you are on the Planning Commission and it does clearly say that whenever possible that at least one voting member shall be on the Township Planning Commission but she is concerned that we are setting a precedent here disregarding the EAC by-laws for getting to choose this when Council is making the appointment of members that the EAC in our by-laws says that we should be making. Tom said it doesn't say you are making appointments, you are making a recommendation. Kaitlyn said it says that the LST Council will approve the Chairman but it doesn't say the LST Council will approve the EAC selection of voting members. Laura said Article 6 section 2 does say nomination of voting members shall be made from the EAC members. Tom said it does say that. Kaitlyn said she's not fighting on this at all but she thinks we are relinquishing that independence when you are an advisory board, it's tough. The procedures are here to be followed.

Laura said the thing is we can also consider amending these by-laws which she thinks we should as they are pretty all over the place. She's read some of the other by-laws specifically she'll refer to Bethlehem's EAC by-laws where they specifically have their Council member on their board not be a voting member on the EAC. Tom said tonight we are voting on a Chairman.

Allan said read Section 2, it doesn't say anything in there about us voting. It says make nominations and the Council will select the person. You nominated Sandy and she nominated Dru. Tom said this nomination hasn't failed. It's 3-3.

Glenn said it says nominations for Chairman shall be made by Members and Associates, so the Associates a non-voting member. Tom said you are making a nomination, you aren't voting. Making a nomination and voting on it is different. Glenn said to continue it says nominations shall be made by the Members and Associates and the elected officer shall immediately assume the duties interim Chairman so that's implying that we are not just nominating people but also voting them in.

Kaitlyn said in that case the Associates would also get to vote. She said we need to follow it and update it if necessary, but now vote. Dru said the nomination is made and an election occurs and then it says Members and Associates shall vote.

Glenn said after people nominate then you vote from those nominations. Tom said the Associate members don't vote and they never have. You are trying to revise history. Dru said he's trying to understand the language in the by-laws. Laura said Dru are you the 7th person who didn't vote? Sandy said he voted no. Tom said Cindy didn't vote. Laura said we should have talked about this first.

Cindy said she saw this earlier after she left work and she feels ill-prepared. Laura said she had talked to Dru about the Chairman position and he is willing to take it. She thinks he's one of our strongest members and well-spoken and would be great as our Chair and he's been our Vice Chair.

Tom said he thinks Dru is one of the strongest members but Sandy started the EAC and she's done a great job and promoted the Open Space fund where there's almost \$10 million in it and a lot of property conserved. She deserves to be Chairman and has always been a good Chairman. He also thinks she presents things to Council and has done that for the past 20 years very, very well and to get your recommendations accurate. We need someone to represent you on Council. Laura said we had conversations...Tom said he's not done yet. When we recommend open space being purchased, Sandy is the one that brings it to Council, and tells them why it's strategic, how it fits in our plan, so he thinks she is the better person to present our recommendations and get them approved by Council.

Dru said she has those skills and she can still speak on behalf of the EAC, so it doesn't prevent that from happening. Laura said she's appointed liaison by Council so that's what that role is for. It doesn't even make sense you two are both on Council and both want to be voting members, it's like you are recommending to yourself. Does that even make sense? A recommendation body should be recommending things to Council.

Tom said it's a 5-member Council. Laura said it's like you are recommending to yourself. Tom said he made his case and that's the nomination for Sandy. Allan said Sandy being on Council and if she becomes Chairman it is really a stressful position. The Council wants to go one way with the garbage dump and the majority of the EAC people want to go the other way, and that puts her right in the middle. He thinks since Dru wants to be Chairman of the EAC, he's not going to be involved with Council. He's not on Council.

Tom said she's our Chairman, she's been Chairman for a long time. Allan said it's a big controversy...Sandy said why do you think I wouldn't vote with the EAC? Allan said he didn't say that, he said you're in a stressful position. You're the environmentalist and also a Council member. That's why he voted against her and that's why he voted for Dru.

Jennifer said I don't think it does any good for this meeting, I think it's important we should stay focused. You have a right to your opinion. She's new to the board but you have done an amazing job, but everyone should have a chance. Going back and forth like this is not productive.

Allan said we're at a tie. Tom said Cindy has to vote. He would point out that Sandy did vote against the rezoning of the parcels. She votes her conscious. She votes the way she wants to vote. Allan said then that must have been a stressful situation.

Sandy said she thought about it a lot and she did balance a lot of things but she did what she thought was the right thing to do for the people of this Township. The landfill doesn't immediately affect her. It will have effects one way or the other. There's no way that she felt it was the right thing to do, environmentally. That's why she did what she did. She voted no to change the zoning. That's how she felt, it's the right thing to do.

Dru said how many voting members are participating in voting for Chairman right now? Tom said seven. Sandy said we shouldn't have had a tie. We are waiting for someone to vote. Tom said they are taking all the information in. Dru said he thought change is helpful too at times. Furthermore, appearances are important too although it does allow for two elected officials to serve on EAC, I think it might bode better for the township to have someone who is not on the Council be the chair of a committee that makes recommendations to Council. I'm not questioning Sandy's integrity one bit, that's not what I'm saying. He would do his best as Chair of the EAC.

Cindy said she's looking at this as a non-political position. She's looking at it from a non-issue position. What she sees is what makes the committee stronger. To have a liaison going to the board and to have someone like Dru leading a committee, she thinks that is strong leadership for this committee to move forward. Sandy has amazing history and has done great things, but she also thinks Dru has a lot to offer too. How do we get both...maybe Dru should be the one to take the leadership role and then we have two strong people on the committee that facilitates and works with the board better.

Tom said most recently the EAC voted for Dru to speak to Council regarding the rezoning and he spoke and did a great job as Vice Chair which he'd be happy to vote for him as Vice Chair again and Sandy as Chair. To have Sandy as Chair and being one to push all recommendations over the line with her fellow Council members, which she has consistently, 20 or so years? He thinks to a certain extent, the EAC is more and more being seen as political which is a shame. He doesn't think that will bode well for the things that the EAC wants to get done if things seem political.

Dru said what makes this political? I don't understand your rationale for that. Laura said she doesn't think EAC is being seen as being political, it's Council. Tom said he's going to pass things out and he's going to have to read them to you. Everyone gets a folder. He's going to talk about the politics. Laura asked, can we finish our vote? Dru asked, Sandy are you chairing this right now? Tom said yes. Sandy said this took me by surprise.

Tom said your question was why is this committee seen as political. We have an email from Laura Ray on November 4, 2022 with information regarding the rezoning. She takes him off of the email. You'll notice he's not there. She purposely took him off. She also did not include our Township Manager. Why is he not on there? He's an Associate member and was taken off the email by like I said, somebody who is political. Then on December 24, 2022, Christmas Eve, at 1:22 in the morning was the first one from Ms. Ray. What a crock of garbage having Linc to tell the residents, this is to all of Council and our Township Manager, talk about how the conditional use is so highly scrutinized by Council before it's granted. And the comment that it also has to go through the planning commission is totally meaningless with the stacked board you have in place. One only has to look at each zoning area to see the types of things that are conditional vs exception to know that this whole spiel is just crap. It makes me sick to have listened to bs like this month after month. Stop treating people like they are stupid! Christmas Eve, 15 minutes later, at 1:39 the lame argument that we need to rezone 275 acres to Light Industrial so that we don't get sued for not having...Kaitlyn said excuse me, this isn't the appropriate time for this for our meeting. Tom said this is appropriate, he asked why this is political. This is not appropriate.

Tom said he's reading it. When did you become a land use attorney? And as many people questioned – what is the rush? What due diligence have you done for any this, oh, your ?????? Oh, you read an article in the magazine and now you are the expert. And as long as none of this is in your area it is all fine. Another one, 1:53 a.m. on Christmas Eve, elected officials and this is a perfect one why people on this board are seen as political, elected officials you don't know how many people would like to remove you from office. How many people are sorry they voted for you? How much you are despised. It's infuriating how you do not care about the majority of the residents – only your own self-interests. People didn't know they were electing a dictator. That goes on and on. So when you say why do people see this EAC as political, Laura said did I say that was from the EAC board? Well, you have a Member here writing to Council then Laura Ray posting to the public that someone said to protest where the Council members live. She put this on the Internet, Tom Carocci, Jason Banonis, Mark Inglis, Sandra Yerger with their addresses. So you have a member of this committee calling for protest of Council members homes providing their full address. This says Laura Ray. You have emails at 1:00 a.m. in the morning talking about how bad elected officials they are and it's not seen as political. This is a problem. That is why the EAC is being seen as political.

Allan said everything is political. Cindy said the EAC is much bigger than Laura Ray and anything that she writes. That's not all of us. Laura said I emailed that to you (Tom and Council) from me, not EAC. Dru said Sandy, why don't you call the meeting to order. Tom said let's vote. Sandy said we are halfway through a vote so hopefully everyone is done what they need to do. Do you want to do a recount a revote again? Tom said no, everybody voted except Cindy. Glenn said do you want to do it as a secret ballot? Sandy said no, it has to be done this way and on the record.

Dru said we have a conversation and people expressed their concerns so Cindy hasn't voted, so we should give her the opportunity. Sandy said what if she abstains. Then what do we do? Kaitlyn said then we send it to Council based on what the by-laws say. Laura said well if she abstains then it's a tie and she had made another motion. If she abstains then it just doesn't pass. Tom said that's right the motion doesn't pass.

Sandy said Cindy do you abstain. Laura said this motion was for Sandy as Chairman. It's a tie right now and the motion fails. Cindy said it's a win-win to have them both on the committee, so she's going to vote for Dru. Laura said we need to vote separately for this one.

ROLL CALL: 3-4 (No – Dru, Laura, Allan, Cindy). Motion fails.

MOTION BY: Laura moved to nominate Dru for Chairman.

SECOND BY: Allan

ROLL CALL: 5-2 (No - Tom & Ann)

Sandy said if there is any doubt why she started this EAC, she took her 30 acre family property and put it in a conservation easement. She doesn't think there's anybody in this room that can say that. She did it because it was special and the kids enjoy it and it's for future generations. Tom said thank you and thank you for your 20 years. Sandy said she gets it and please do not nominate her for Vice Chair.

2. NOMINATION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

MOTION BY: Tom moved to nominate Cindy Oatis for Vice Chair.

SECOND BY: Ann

ROLL CALL: 7-0

3. NOMINATION OF SECRETARY

MOTION BY: Tom moved to nominate Allan Johnson.

Allan said he didn't want the job. Council still has to approve the Chairman for the EAC. If they don't approve it, then does Cindy become Chairman? Tom said hopefully. Kaitlyn said approval from the Township Council of the nomination and the election of the EAC Chairman shall result in subsequent nomination and election of another voting member by the voting

EAC membership until the Chairman position is approved by Township Council. Allan said then we revote and if they don't approve, then we go through this all over again. Allan said he doesn't want to be Secretary.

MOTION BY: Tom nominated Sandy as Secretary.

SECOND BY: Cindy

There was more talk among the EAC members about this being political. Tom said there's a motion on the floor and a second.

ROLL CALL: 7-0

Allan said are you still going to be Council's representative? Sandy said no. Cindy said she thought that was your role. You are the liaison for the EAC. Laura said Council appoints the liaison. Sandy said well, they have to approve it. Allan asked wasn't it approved? Tom said yes it was. Laura said they did approve it at the reorganization meeting. Tom said it was approved. Allan said you can do a good job fighting for us when you are on Council.

4. DESIGNATION OF EAC MEETING – TIME, DATE & PLACE

Sandy said we have designation of EAC meeting, time, date and place. Does anyone have problems with the current date and times? Dru said moving it from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. was an improvement. Allan said at this point, Dru is supposed to take over the meeting. Sandy said okay, it's all yours Dru. Dru said he's having difficulty with his computer right now. If he can, he'd like to have Sandy run this meeting right now. Tom said Cindy is the Vice Chair. Sandy said Cindy can do it.

B. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL BOYLE

Cindy said do we have a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Boyle?

MOTION BY: Sandy moved to accept the resignation of Michael Boyle.

SECOND BY: Allan

ROLL CALL: 7-0

C. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER, TOM CAROCCI

Cindy said next is the introduction of the new member, Tom Carocci. Can we welcome him tonight? Tom said thank you, he feels the love. Allan said you were appointed by Council. You didn't go through the EAC recommendation. Tom said EAC recommended somebody else. The Township Manager did not take the recommendation of the EAC which he had the right to do and one of the reasons he did not do that was because we need a member from the Planning Commission.

Kaitlyn said how long has that oversight existed where it's different from our by-laws, if we want to go by the by-laws and the Article 6, Section 2 says the EAC members nominate and vote now that we accepted the resignation of Michael Boyle. Tom said this an introduction and he's already been appointed by Council and it's in the Council minutes. This is an introduction. So can we go on and discuss the Associate Member.

Kaitlyn said she would support you being this, but we need to go by the by-laws. Tom said we have. Kaitlyn said this is where we have our conflict. Sandy said so wherever possible, one Member shall also be a member of the Planning Commission. Kaitlyn said she agrees and she said Tom is good and that's also in the EAC by-laws that the Township Manager sent out, but procedurally we need to go through his being nominated a voting member by the EAC, Members and Associates at their annual meeting. We should do it right. Tom said he disagrees. Kaitlyn said the Township Manager emailed the by-laws how to do it right. Tom said we did it right. Kaitlyn said she is trying to do something about it as she's bringing it up here when we have the correct by-laws in front of us. Tom said thank you for the introduction. Jennifer said can I ask Tom how long have we had a voting member on the Planning Commission member prior to you? Was it Michael? Tom said 20 years. Sandy was on planning. How long have you been on the Planning Commission, Sandy? Tom said she resigned last

year. Jennifer asked last year when? Tom said Sandy's term expired December 31, 2022. Laura said just up until now. Jennifer said, Tom, I am asking questions as a new associate member to understand.

D. DISCUSSION ON ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Cindy said do we need or do we want Discussion on the Associate Member – is this it what we just had? Laura said no, because we have an opening. Right? We do have an opening. Sandy said yes. Tom said because he was an associate member. Sandy said she talked to our Township Manager and they did put it in the newsletter only had one person that came forward. If you are so inclined, he thought it would be beneficial if we wait to appoint an associate member. I'm repeating my conversation with Mark, our manager. To let him run it again so that we might have more people who would like to become an Associate Member. Laura said run what again? I have a question about this anyway (referring to the ad in the newsletter) it's so vague, it doesn't really even say we have an opening on EAC, it says we might have some openings on some of our boards. Sandy said he wants to put it out again so we hopefully have more than one person apply. Tom said he can put the EAC is looking for an associate member. His concern is it was in the newsletter and it needs to be on the Township website and he should take applications for this position. Tom said right, so he wants to put it out on the website for an associate member. Sandy said yes that's what he wants to do so that you hopefully have more than one person. And then you'll vote on it in February so it will only be a couple weeks. Laura said we did have someone apply for this position. Cindy said who is it? Laura said Kathy Pichel-McGovern. Tom said my concern is that it wasn't really advertised. The EAC position in particular was not advertised like you said in the newsletter that was for all positions. It should be on the township web page that we're taking applications for the associate position. If this is the only one, then it seems fine to him. Sandy said it's just a suggestion from the Township Manager and she said she would bring it back to the EAC. Cindy said does anyone know her? Tom said she served on the Planning Commission with him years ago. Cindy said she's been a resident for a while. Tom and Cindy said she seems like she has the qualifications. Dru said she's a property owner in the Township and grew up on the Pichel farm and she seems fine to him.

MOTION BY: Laura moved to nominate Kathy Pichel-McGovern as an associate member.

SECOND BY: Dru

Tom said he thinks we should wait for more resumes to come in. It's not fair. Cindy said did the Manager ask us to wait? Sandy said yes, but I don't think he can make us wait. Tom said it's not political right Sandy? Kaitlyn said there might be the opportunity for another associate. She knows we have associate members who haven't been coming to the meetings. In the by-laws it says there's a procedure for members who are absent from six regular monthly meetings during a 12-month period without reasonable cause and a notification from the Chairman can speak to them if they don't respond, then the Council can decide if they want to put someone in. She knows we have had a couple of people who haven't been coming. Does it hurt to send that out and see what else is out there and if that's worth someone. Sandy said yes that's all he asked for and with the best intent as far as I can tell. Cindy said so you are saying that there are other openings possibly. Laura said yes we can have other openings because we've discussed it a few times now and then reading the by-laws we can act upon that ourselves and send a letter. Cindy said she'll vote no as the Township Manager asked them to wait.

ROLL CALL: 4-3 (Cindy, Ann, Tom – No)

Allan said so what's the vote? Tom said it's 4-3 to wait. Allan said 4-3 to wait? She (Sandy) voted yes, I voted yes, Tom said, no, no. Allan said she voted yes and Dru. Sandy said she voted yes. Tom said do you want to change your vote? Allan said and Laura is the 4th one. Sandy said let them do what they want. Tom said the Township Manager asked us to just wait one month. Laura said, well we're not doing anything terrible, we're just filling a position. We've needed people for months. And we've been talking about it for months. Tom said all the township manager wanted was to wait one month. Laura said we do have place for more people because we have attendance problems and we need more people. Glenn asked how many open associate positions are there right now? Laura said none officially but we can act on our by-laws and work on that.

E. GOALS AND PROJECTS FOR 2023 – DISCUSSION

Cindy said goals and projects for 2023. It seems like the associate members and the by-laws might be at the top. Kaitlyn said she wanted to put the road clean up there sooner. She had a lot of trouble getting people to be able to find a date that works to come out and clean the road. We don't need to get that date now but maybe at the next meeting we talk about it and set up a date for spring so we're several months in advance.

Cindy said we have another e-cycling event in the spring. Sandy said so here's what they want us to consider as she had a talk with the Manager. Apparently Upper Saucon is going to be having a spring recycling event. They are willing to share that event with us. They have enough room for us, and then if we could then do the same thing for them in the fall where Upper Saucon already has their date intact. Then they would split the cost of the recycling so each of the Townships could have two events, one in spring and one in fall. But Upper Saucon is going to be hosting it.

Cindy said according to DEP requirements, they will only reimburse for one event. Sandy said Upper Saucon would reimburse the spring one and Lower Saucon would be reimbursed for the fall one. Cindy said except it would be limited to residents only, but we could ask. It is stated very clearly, limited to residents only. She will get in touch with DEP. Sandy said that would be great. Kaitlyn said we set November 11th was open and they would reserve it for us and we were going to lock down November 11th. Carol said she did call Clean Earth and got their available dates. We locked into the same company we used before, so that's in November if you want Clean Earth. If you want to share it with Upper Saucon in the spring, it's \$4,000. Cindy said has Lower Saucon applied and received that reimbursement from the last event? Carol said she believes Cathy applied for the previous, I don't know if she got it yet. Cindy said Upper Saucon would have the spring and we would have the fall one and we would have to get a date through them for the fall. Kaitlyn asked what was the date for the spring one? For the Spring one? Dru said this sounds like a good idea then because we spread the recycling over two events and then any single event is less likely to be overwhelmed. Carol said April 22nd.

Laura said what if DEP doesn't agree, should we just keep our one date, then that's that. Kaitlyn you were going to call Clean Earth to see about other dates. Carol said they have a couple of dates in the fall and a few in the spring. Cindy said I know Karen Olewine (Clean Earth) so she should know that DEP will let us do that. She's been doing it for years. I can check on that.

Cindy said road clean-up, by-laws, e-cycling, look for more members. Jennifer said the native plant sale. I went back to some of the notes in 2020 and what the goals were then and I think that it could be something we move forward with every year, so they're just not words but something we should act on. For example they were doing a native plant garden. Sandy said they were done at the markets and we were very successful. Jennifer said we can work with Saucon Creek Watershed Association, which I'm a member of and we did that at the farmer's market and community day. Jennifer also stated that there was also the paper shredding event, end of plastic bags, discussion of the MS4 and small stream and tributaries and finding them. Allan said that's something that Dru wanted to do and Allan said he'd help him. He has trouble walking and I can't do that anymore. Kaitlyn said if you can teach and show her how to do it, she would help if we want to keep doing that. So, if we want to keep doing that, I can jump in. Jennifer said and the final thing that I find which is a continuing theme is that we need a list of all the properties that we discussed early in the meeting, just so we know what properties are in the pipeline. Laura said we used to get it once in a while. Diane would give us the list. But I don't know what happened to the list but it shouldn't be hard to put together. Cindy asked does the township have a MS4 coordinator? Sandy said somebody at Hanover Engineering. Cindy said no one in house? Do you have an educational plan as part of your overall MS4 plan? Sandy said that was one of the things the manager said that they could have EAC work with them on that. Cindy said would it be worthwhile to speak with him? Sandy said sure.

Cindy asked if there was anyone interested in going to the EAC Network Conference. Dru said he is interested. Sandy said the Township will pay for whoever wants to go. Tom said you can sign up as the registration papers are in the packet. Laura said they usually have really good speakers.

V. DEVELOPER ITEMS

A. DRAVECZ MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN #MIN 04-22/2388 APPLE STREET

Sandy said in your packet, there's a map of the Dravec Minor Subdivision Plan. The EAC members looked at the map. Laura said we looked at this property so many times. Sandy said they are adding a very small portion over by the buildings that exist. They want to put a small cottage up. All the rest of the area and down is on conservation easement. Allan said it says the Township will have limited access. That's definitely something that the Planning Commission has to consider. Glenn said they already have these buildings and they want to build a little cottage here. Sandy said yes. She pointed out the main house. They want to put a small cottage her. Glenn said it's not part of the preserved land, what is the big deal. Sandy said it was not put in the conservation easement. Tom said he thought we were doing this as a courtesy. Sandy said yes. She just wanted to make you aware. It's not part of the conservation easement or abutting conservation easement, it shouldn't have any impact. If you have any objections or concerns, work them out. Allan said he doesn't see any environmental concerns. Dru said he doesn't see any problems with this. Sandy said we don't need a vote on this. It's just for information only.

V. UPDATES/REPORTS - None

VI. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 13, 2022 MINUTES

Laura said there was a lot missing. She'd like to go through them and write out what was missing. Tom said we can table and approve them at the next meeting and you can add what's missing. Laura said she does have the gap that's missing.

B. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT FOR 2023

Cindy said we already talked about this.

C. EDUCATIONAL IDEAS FOR RESIDENTS (MS4, RAIN GARDENS, RAIN BARRELS)

Cindy said all great ideas, why don't we talk about this at the next meeting and see what we are interested in. Jennifer said I know with the rain barrels, the Saucon Creek Water Shed can play a key role in that. Cindy said for the MS4 we can talk to Mark on that. Next time we can firm it up more.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Mark Ozimek said that as a citizen of LST, the lack of professionalism here is astounding. It seems like a circus. He spoke of the landfill and said he is going to become a thorn and he hopes you guys come up with a better show. He really expected more. He doesn't know if it's Sandy's fault since she's been here for 20 years. He doesn't know if it's your fault, Tom. Cindy said we are all public servants. We are all trying to do the best we can for our community. You may not always agree on what that is, but we are trying. Tom said you disagree with someone, but people are compassionate and there's nothing wrong with that. If you see the EAC as being unprofessional, that's your opinion. Dru said he hopes we can go into this new year and move forward by doing our very best to serve the environmental issues of LST. That's what we signed up for. He thinks we generally function very well and have the best interest of the public going forward. Cindy said we want to see the committee succeed and move forward. It's been, a great, well-known organization for many years. Sandy has been with us many years and is held in high esteem she hopes Sandy continues with the EAC as her expertise and passion is amazing. Sandy said thank you. Dru said he looks forward to seeing everybody and working with the new Manager this year and looks forwards to the goals for 2023.
- Mark Ozimek said since he was never on the Township Board or on any other board for the Township or anything for that matter, when you talk about Sandy and talk about electing her for this and whoever for that, what crossed his mind, if you are on Council, and you are also here, or on another board, isn't

that a conflict of interest? Shouldn't each section of government have its own section of people without crossing over into another area? Cindy said she doesn't think that is required. It's just a desire to use the expertise and knowledge you have to help wherever you can. Mark said that's just his opinion. Sandy said she had one more thing. The Manager had an update that they had 49 people come with Christmas trees and lawn waste to the Township. The Christmas trees and they were donated to a goat farm and the Compost was taken up to the recycling center and they will be open the next two Saturday's. Sandy said the farmers are very happy with this donation. Cindy said this would be a nice little thing to write up for the newsletter. In the Lehigh Valley they lost every major yard waste composting facility except for one and he can't keep up with the demand. It isn't easy for municipalities because you have to have a composting permit. FRCA serves most of Lehigh and Northampton Counties just can't keep up. Yard waste isn't in demand as it used to be and the young folks seem to be purchasing homes and as the area become more mature, they are producing more and unless you can process it successfully and make a profit and if you do it as a non-profit, there is not enough land and municipalities can't handle it.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Tom moved for adjournment. The time was 8:00 p.m.

SECOND BY: Allan

ROLL CALL: 7-0

Tom Carocci, Chair