Lower Mount Bethel Township
Environmental Advisory Council Minutes
Jul 20, 2026 6:30 PM

Meeting held at:
LMBT Welcome Center
7701 Martins Creek – Belvidere Highway

Present: Bill Richards (BR), Robert Hart (RH), Pat McInerney (PM), Genny Terpstra (GT)

Members of the public: Scott Fleck, Catherine Buehler, Melissa Mastrogiovanni; John Mauser (JM)

1. Addition to agenda and adoption of agenda
2. Minutes
    - PM motioned to accept Jun minutes
        - RH 2nd motion
        - Minutes approved 4 – 0
3. Correspondence and News Items
4. Procedures – Minutes and Meetings
5. Township Questionnaire
    - Genny noted the results of the survey are the same as we discussed during the May EAC meeting, GT will complete the following:
        - Prepare a summary PPT for a presentation to the BOS in Sep
        - Request Melissa to add the subject to the Sep BOS meeting
        - Forward summary to the EAC
6. Data Center
    - The Township has not received an official presentation from the developer as yet
7. Storm Water Issues
    - JM noted sinkholes are opening up in the Oughoughton Creek on the Fox property
    - BR noted water pools in the road at the newly replaced culvert on the MC/Belv Highway creating potentially hazardous conditions
        - RH stated he sent an email on the subject to Megan Hart, however Melissa is not aware of the issue
        - BR to send an email to Melissa regarding the subject so it can be addressed
8. Bio-solids
    - RH noted the Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) webinar on PADEP proposed revisions to permits for sewage sludge/biosolids land application is scheduled for Jul 23, if unable to participate RH stated it is generally recorded for viewing at a later date
9. MJWA Update
    - Last meeting was via Zoom meeting, subjects discussed included:
        - Finalizing 2027 stream bank stabilization project
        - PennDot installed stream signage in UMBT
        - R Budihas is seeking grants for upcoming projects
        - The WCLV developed a website and requested all subsidiary watersheds to link their websites for easy reference, the MJWA is still deciding what information to post
10. Regional Watershed (WCLV) & EAC Network
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11. NCCD
12. Planning Commission

- PM stated the Planning Commission completed a Warehouse Ordinance draft, it has been reviewed by LMBT Legal and Engineering and submitted to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commissions for review

13. Warehouse Traffic/Front Street/River Pointe
    - The traffic study on Front Street is still pending, Melissa Mastrogiovanni will follow up to provide a status
14. Water Aquifer Study
    - UMBT received a grant to complete their aquifer study in ~2010 timeframe
    - JM noted the EAC should start investigating grants and to contact the Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic Committee
15. Parks & Recreation
    - JM noted the trail system repair is complete from Del Haven to Depus Ferry Road
    - The Meadows was recently mowed and the Township office received a complaint regarding the effect it may have had on wildlife, JM noted the EAC should develop a strategy for the Meadows
        - Scott Fleck noted Apr 1 to Jul 31 is generally considered nesting season, with mowing permitted Aug 1 to Sep 1
        - PM suggested to let a portion of the upper meadow grow (do not mow) to allow the sycamore trees to grow and create an additional habitat at the Meadows for breeding, feeding, or shelter for wildlife
        - Resources to develop a plan for the Meadows could include:
            - Jim Wilson (County)
            - Kerry Reider (Bushkill Township)
            - Increased mowing schedule
            - DCNR
            - Controlled burn
16. Good of the Order
    - RH noted he plans to install solar panels on his property
    - Motion to adjourn meeting by PM
        - GT 2nd motion
        - Motion approved 4 – 0