Maidencreek Township Environmental Advisory Council
June 2, 2026
6:00 PM

Attending: Dawn Geschwindt, Drew Oberholtzer, Deanne Weber, Connie Cammarano, Lauren Moran

Guests: Lin Weber

Deanne Weber called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM, with the Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

This was the first meeting of the EAC therefore there were no agenda nor minutes to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS - OLD BUSINESS

None

REPORTS - NEW BUSINESS

Organization of the Environmental Advisory Council

Deanne Weber serves as Chairman of the EAC and stated that a Vice Chairman and Secretary should be named. Motions were made and seconded to name Connie Cammarano as Vice Chairman, and Lauren Moran as Secretary, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Deanne also mentioned that an appointed council member, Ana Konopitskaya, can no longer serve on the Council due to a conflict with her work. A new person is to be appointed.

EAC By-Laws

EAC By-Laws were discussed and require review and approval by council members, to be voted on at next month's meeting.

EAC Mission Statement

The Council has agreed a mission statement is important, and will brainstorm ideas over the next few weeks to be presented in the near future. Once the mission statement is written and approved, there was some discussion to also create a logo.

Social Media Presence

Members discussed that a social media presence is important and will pursue options on starting a new account or tagging on to the existing account of the Maidencreek Township, as

well as looking into the ability to post on the Township website. Drew Oberholtzer will oversee the EAC Social Media presence.

Grants

Connie Cammarano discussed that grants may be available for future planning and projects, including Berks Nature grant of $3000 and an Appalachian Trail Conservancy Grant, though it has an August 31st deadline. It was mentioned that Diane Hollenbach may be working on a grant and Connie will reach out to learn more. Also mentioned it would be helpful if a representative of the Appalachian Trail Community Conservation Collaborative could attend a meeting to elaborate on available applicable grants.

EAC Possible Planning and Project Ideas

The Council brainstormed possible ideas of action areas including additional improvements to our community parks, beautification of areas, educational events, being part of future community planning.

Upcoming Township Event Participation by the Council

It was discussed that setting up a table at the upcoming Food Truck Friday event would be a good way to introduce the EAC to the community. Deanne and Connie said they would be available to attend and create a display.

Upcoming Conservation Events for Council Members to possibly attend

Berks Nature Municipal Luncheon, June 24, 2026, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
WeConservePA Conference, Saturday, October 24, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deanne Weber and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Moran
MTEAC Secretary