

**London Grove Township
Environmental Advisory Counsel
Minutes 9/28/2015 meeting, 7 PM
Present: Steve Brown, Michael Cardile, Bob Vanella, Russ Phifer.**

Meeting schedule for 2015

Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month.

Review BOS and PC agenda items for comment

- There were no specific items impacting the EAC on this month's agenda.

Discussion of projects, tasks and assignments

- Meeting with Parks Board and HOAs to discuss trails & storm water basins maintenance – the dinner meeting is 10/28/15 at 6PM at the Township Building. We will have 10-15 minutes on the post-dinner agenda.
- White Clay Creek updates – the two basins in Goodard Park are swamped with invasives. Shane Morgan is being contracted to go in and clean out invasives from the lower basin.
- MS4/TMDL program update – collaboration is needed; LG alone cannot clean up the streams, the property owners will need to be involved. For the TMDL, we must revise our strategy by the end of the year. The county held a summit a few weeks ago, with a DEP representative present. Steve and Ron will be meeting with the DEP to get a feel for what is necessary.
- Riparian buffer ordinance – establishing a trigger to encourage the proper width buffers is a challenge.
- Open space committee – the Committee is holding a landowner meeting/gathering to discuss riparian buffers. Steve suggested providing some funding for trees where needed for buffers; we could also purchase easements along some of the streams.
- SECCRA update – no changes. SECCRA does not want to do any residential sampling/analysis. The EAC would like to see two residential wells sampled; Russ and Steve are willing to meet with SECCRA to see if we can convince them.
- Water monitors update – no update.
- BOS agenda review

We also discussed continuing mushroom compost odor complaints. We were unable to obtain a grant to fund H2S monitors, but Russ requested a quote on an H2S monitor.

Boddorf site, E Avondale Road – a conservation easement may now be possible, after years of conversation.

Ongoing Project Ideas

Focus on water quality

- **Periodic inspections of HOA stormwater basins (Jeff)**
 - No inspections have been done this year
- **Spring and early Fall meetings to inspect / report on BMPs (All)**
- Educate on rain gardens
- Encourage private land owners with creek-side property to establish buffers
- **Review quarterly monitoring reports from SECCRA (Russ).** – see above.

Educational program for HOAs

- **Outreach to discuss stormwater issues with HOAs (Township staff)**
- Distribute watershed literature, including Watershed Passport for kids/families

Work with other groups

- CFACE
- Conservation District – work with on possible locations for buffers/tree plantings
- White Clay Creek Wild & Scenic Management committee

Public outreach

- Letters to newspapers & articles in township eNewsletter

- **Green Award (All)**

Other Environmental Projects

- Periodic review of the SECCRA Host Agreement, and annual review of the leachate monitoring results

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next meeting will be at 7:00 on November 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Phifer