# I. OPENING

<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:03 p.m., at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Sandra Yerger, Vice Chairman, presiding, via Zoom.

**ROLL CALL:** Members: Sandra Yerger, Laura Ray, Ted Beardsley, Dru Germanoski, Cindy Oatis, Allan Johnson; Associate Members: Kaitlyn O'Connor Sommer, Michael Boyle, Thomas Carocci, Nicholas Lynn, Glenn Kaye, Atom Kallen; Absent: Staff: Diane Palik. Absent: Terry Boos, Hellertown Representative; Jr. Council Members: Maclaine Oskin & Bela Silverman.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: None** 

### II. NEW BUSINESS

### A. REORGANIZATION

### 1. NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Beardsley moved to nominate Sandy Yerger as Chairman for 2021.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Johnson

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0

### 2. NOMINATION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Beardsley moved to nominate Dru Germanoski as Vice-Chairman for 2021.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0

#### 3. NOMINATION OF SECRETARY

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. Yerger moved to nominate Laura Ray as Secretary for 2021.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Johnson

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0

# 4. <u>DESIGNATION OF EAC MEETING – TIME, DATE & PLACE</u>

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. Yerger moved to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, at Town Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Germanoski

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0

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Mrs. Yerger welcomed Atom Kallen and Nicholas Lynn as new Associate Members. She said being an associate member, we want your voice and opinion, the only thing is you aren't able to vote.

#### C. MOVING ASSOCIATE MEMBER UP TO MEMBER POSITION

MOTION BY: Mrs. Yerger moved to nominate Michael Boyle to move from Associate Member to the Member

position.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Germanoski

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0

### D. GOALS & PROJECTS FOR 2021

Mrs. Yerger said a majority of this didn't happen last year because of COVID, so we'll carry some of these over to 2021. Mr. Germanoski said we can take off the map of tributaries and small streams. He said a lot of these are yearly things we do. Mrs. Yerger said she'd be willing to do the Native Plant Sale at the Farmer's Market and she will coordinate it with Terry Boos.

- Promotion of Native Plant Garden
- Native Plant Sale Sandy will coordinate with Edge of Woods
- Promotion of Paper Shredding Event
- Education programs with Saucon Creek Watershed Association including the Watershed Steward Program. Rain Barrel Workshop, Outreach Information and MS4 Updates.
- Promote more frequent county recycling of hazardous waste collection on our website.
- Adopt-a-Road program in the spring and fall.

- Five Year Goal establish environmental education programs at Township Parks and/or school district. We can start this with the MS4 with the high school.
- Mr. Germanoski said with respect to Open Space, we do have a budget and we have traditionally simply responded to volunteers requests to have properties assessed. He wonders if it's in our purview and appropriate to maybe direct some of our attention at property maps and open space on aerial photos and consider approaching landowners where there may be large parcels of land. He didn't do any homework of our history of open space or the rules. If it's in the rules, he'll withdraw his suggestion. Mrs. Yerger said we actually did a mailing and coordinated with the Township, had it approved by Council way back in the beginning. We had tracts that were open space, maybe 15-20 acres and we just sent a nice letter to tell them about our open space program and ask them if they are aware of it and if they are interested in applying, please contact us. It went through staff and we got a couple, but didn't get a lot of response to it. Maybe we can form a small sub-committee and meet once or twice and kind of put together the letter again and figure out what properties. Mr. Germanoski said if we have that as a precedent, then it would be a reasonable thing for us to try to do this year. Some people may not be aware of the program, some people in the passage of time may be changing their mindset on their properties, so if we're not creating or not doing anything that's inappropriate with respect to the open space program rules, then it would be a good thing to do and fit in the category of nothing ventured, nothing gained. Mrs. Yerger said she can bring this suggestion to Council next week and say this was suggested and we do have funds, and it doesn't hurt to regroup to people. It's just an option for them. Mr. Germanoski said he would be happy to do this and see what happens. Mr. Beardsley said we have a brochure also. Mrs. Yerger said we do, and we there are known areas where there are streams, springs, so we can coordinate that with our Zoning Officer and she's sure he would be willing to help us with that. As we all know, stormwater is becoming increasingly an issue. She can bring it up at the next Council meeting and bring it back to the EAC at their next meeting.
- Work with Laura Baird from Heritage Conservancy on revisions to the scoring sheet for the Open Sub-Committee. Mrs. Yerger said that has been completed. Mr. Germanoski said that got cancelled as she couldn't make it to the meeting that was scheduled. Mrs. Yerger said would we like to revisit that again, if so, she will talk to Laura Baird. She should be able to do some of the work on-line as she works with multiple municipal open space and scoring sheets and how they do it for property preservations. She did talk to her, and she reviewed it, and then it was lost with all the COVID. Mr. Germanoski said he would like to see us follow through on that. Mrs. Yerger said she agrees, and she's pretty sure 90% of the work is done. She doesn't think it would be an onerous thing to complete, so maybe we can get her to join a Zoom meeting. Mrs. Palik will speak to Leslie about this.
- Ms. O'Connor Sommer said the detention pond at the school, that was another thing that seemed to be going well and then got derailed. She had talked to Nate and there was the idea to start working on, if we can get everybody on board, some type of naturalizing instead of just having it as mowed. Mrs. Yerger said she thought they were doing that with the County. She thought Nate and the school were working it out. Ms. O'Connor Sommer said the last she spoke with him, they were coordinating a date on when they were going to meet and then everything shut down. It might be easy to kick it over to the County and she could just be a liaison and keep us all involved. Mrs. Yerger said we can certainly keep it on our list to see that it gets done and if the County doesn't want to move forward with it, it may be it's something we can look at. Mr. Germanoski said it might be helpful and she may already be on top of it. He noticed Kingston Park by the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse, the floodwater retention pond has a native plant garden in there and then it was cut this fall so the Township apparently has some experience with maintaining something along those lines, so by cutting it, his impression is that's probably to facilitate the regrowth of appropriate plans to make it more difficult for other invasive or sumac to start growing. The point is someone in our Township has obviously already thought about this and have established a maintenance plan for a similar sort of thing. Mrs. Yerger said they do some of the same things in the sloped areas in Polk Valley Park, they only mow them once a year, but you have to mow them once a year to keep the invasive out so they are working through that process, and hopefully in

the spring it will be back in full bloom with natives. Mrs. O'Connor Sommer said she will go by this one so we know what our goal is and we have an end in sight.

Mr. Kallen said if there is something we come up with later, can we add it to the list? Mrs. Yerger said absolutely. He asked if anyone was familiar with the concept of guerrilla gardening. Mrs. Yerger said no. Mr. Kallen said it's more common in England but is coming to the United States as well. It is a city or township will promote, using public spaces to grow edible vegetables or fruits. In some cases, they use land that is on city property but in other cases, they encourage residents to grow vegetables on the corner of their property where anyone in the neighborhood can come by and grab a tomato. He was wondering if that was something the Township could encourage. Mrs. Yerger said it's something that we can certainly ask and would have to see if our Township Solicitor has any issues with it. Mr. Kallen said he was worried about liability too. Mrs. Yerger said she would have to talk to Linc Treadwell. She asked Atom to send her a link with something on guerrilla gardening and she will try to get in touch with Linc as we have a Council meeting next week. Mr. Kallen said he will take care of that.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Beardsley moved for approval of the Goals & Projects for 2021.

**SECOND BY:** Ms. Ray **ROLL CALL:** 7-0

#### III. OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE

## A. PROPERTY UPDATES

Mr. Germanoski said the Viscito property was an ongoing challenge to score that property. They finally had a meeting set up with Cindy and Katie and they were blacktopping the road up to the property so they heard from Rocky fifteen minutes before they arrived that they weren't able to get up that road. They rescheduled for last Thursday and Cindy got tied up at work, which his perfectly understandable, so she was unable to make it and if he understands it correctly, they should have three members to score a property. It was just him and Kate and they felt since they were there and it has been a challenge, they went ahead and scored it. He can discuss their observations and we can decide what to do with that. They haven't had this predicament before, but it's that time of year with limited daylight. He said there is a continuing problem we have with the score sheet, there are just some things that we feel it's beyond our ability to score. Development potential, we had asked previously to have Jim Young score that because we are not prepared to do that, so out of 5 points, he scored it a 0. What they noticed was the property has a slope and one is a very steep slope. The lower portion of the property, the north side, where the house is located, to the east and west there are similarly sloped topography. Our mindset was if it was able to have a house in place, once, that potentially to the east there was a parcel that had a similar slope, but Jim Young put a zero for development potential. Mr. Germanoski is not willing to suggest we should overturn that as Jim knows about zoning than we do. Availability, we didn't feel we could score it as it so happens that Mr. Viscito got caught up that day and was unable to meet with us. When he spoke with him previously, it was kind of odd that he gave the impression that someone from the Township contacted him rather than him bringing the property forward, so that was kind of unusual. We just felt we didn't have enough information to go to on to score availability. Linkage potential was zero, active farm was zero, no ag soils, no hydrologic features that fit within our description, sensitive natural features and steep slopes it seemed to warrant a score 2 out of 3. Carbonate geology – no, scenic value it's forested so there's some limited scenic value, but it doesn't provide vistas nor does it have a scenic value like some properties do, so they scored that a 1 out of 2 as it is woodlands. Stormwater 0 out of 1. Bargain sale, they have no idea and matching funds they have no idea. So on the total score sheet, there's 30 possible points. We have, since he's been Chair of Open Space routinely given a partial score and so they felt that there were 21 points that they could address and of that, this property scores a 3 out of 21. Bargain sale, matching funds and availability total 9 points which they didn't feel comfortable commenting on. Katie and him felt the two main items here were that this was a very low score overall and Jim suggested it had zero development potential, so it didn't seem sensible for them to recommend that this be acquired as part of the Open Space program if it's not developable and if it scores so low, 3 out of 21. Total acreage was 10.93 acres and so they

didn't feel comfortable making a recommendation to Council. There are two issues, one is it legitimate for them to make a recommendation given that only two of them scored the property and he would argue in the sake of being sensible, it would be very difficult in his view for someone to suggest significantly different scores than what they assigned this. Had there been a third or fourth person of the Open Space Sub-Committee, it's still very difficult. It's not an active farm, there aren't ag soils, it isn't carbonate geology, no linkage potential. There were so many things that just factually would have low scores that it seems unreasonable to recommend that the EAC move forward with our recommendation even though there are only two of us. Mrs. Yerger said that makes sense. She has no problem with that. You are correct, letters did go out to landowners from the Township in that area because it was steeply wooded slopes and the buffer. She wants to thank them for going out and scoring it as we need to know how it was scored, so we will pass that information on to Council and let them go from there. If you can send the scoring sheet into Diane, that would be great, then we have it on record.

Mr. Germanoski said this is again another reason why we should try to meet with Laura Baird and try to review our score sheet and we need to figure out a way to evaluate some of these categories that we really can't do. The matching funds, the bargain sale, it's been helpful for Jim to score development potential for example and provide us information from the GIS base to tell us what the slopes are. In a similar way, if we had some idea of possible matching funds, bargain sale, then we could address it as a Sub-Committee and then EAC could better assess our recommendations in each case. That's really not relevant to this specific situation, but 9 of the 30 points we have to leave blank, that's a third of our total points. He would feel more comfortable making a recommendations in the future if some of that information were available to them at the time they score the properties. He's reiterating his desire to re-evaluate the score sheet or to re-evaluate how we fill it in so we can get some help from the relevant people in the Township who could comment on bargain sale or matching funds. Maybe bargain sale is something that comes in after the fact after a conversation with the property owner. He doesn't remember us ever knowing there was a bargain sale at the time we scored a property. Mrs. Yerger agreed.

Mr. Germanoski said we have a preliminary application from David and Michael Ronca, he would ask that we ask the Zoning Officer to give us some feedback on development potential and then he'll pursue trying to get a group together to score that property along with the standard, we do have the map in the packet, but that information is always helpful to us, and he'll pursue a conversation. Mrs. Palik said she'll speak to Jim tomorrow and have him get that information. Mr. Germanoski said hopefully going forward with new properties that need to be scored, we'll have a new scoring sheet that we can use.

Mr. Germanoski said he has to raise this other question, and he's never dishonest for the record, he didn't look at the packet until recently and he forgot or he's unware of the property No. 2020-4 and 2020-5 and doesn't remember scoring them unless the names changed on the ownership, he's a little bit on the dark on these properties. So he can't comment on them. Mrs. Yerger said 2020-4 we just had an appraisal done on that one. There's been a lot of discussion; it's a very unique thing. Mr. Germanoski said we aren't supposed to be doing something with that. Mrs. Yerger said correct. She said 2020-5, it's 17 acres, and it's tied up with the family, so there's nothing he missed or should be doing. Mr. Germanoski said Diane is always very good at keeping him in line and reminding him to get out, and did we score a property, so just keep him in the loop and he will get out and do the work.

Mr. Germanoski and Mrs. Yerger said see if Mrs. Palik can work on having Laura Baird at one of the Zoom meetings. Mrs. Palik said she will speak to Leslie about it.

2. Mr. Beardsley said he really needs some direction for Mrs. Dravecz. At our September meeting he mentioned that she's not looking for money to subdivide her two-acre lot she wants to build a house on. She wants to sell some property to improve their access to the rest of the property and she will use that money, but he needs direction on where he's going. He's

thinking the next step would be to talk to Parks about what they want and make sure that Linc knows that, and he doesn't know where Linc got the notion that she was asking for money for engineering and stuff for her subdivision, as that was never part of it. Mrs. Yerger said we were all under the impression that she wanted the Township to pay for the subdivision process. Mr. Beardsley said that was a misconception because right from the get go when we had that map that showed the Township buying either 3 or 7 acres, the whole idea of the 7 acres was to make sure she had enough money to pay for the subdivision process, so how it got misconstrued for her wanting money on top of that to pay for the subdivision, he has no idea where that came from. Her attorney agrees that she's not looking for that money and she agrees she's not looking for that money. Mrs. Yerger said it's sort of the cart before the horse kind of thing. For us to put an easement on it, and to acquire it, she needs to subdivide what she wants to keep first. She thinks that's where the waters got muddy. We have to have a definite amount of what we're going to purchase if we decide to go forward and purchase. That's at least her understanding and where it got lost. At one point, she wasn't sure how much she wanted to subdivide off and then we sort of got to that, but it would be much easier if she subdivides off what she wants to keep and then figure out the rest of it. Mr. Beardsley said that would be fine, if all the ducks lined up but if she subdivides off two acres where she would like to subdivide them off, it would preclude the Township from expanding their access. There could be a problem with the configuration of her two acre subdivision and the Township. Mrs. Yerger said that was one of the other problems, we didn't want to leave her with a piece of property she couldn't use either or wasn't what she wanted. She thinks the entire division of the property was an issue until it's worked out. Mr. Beardsley said he needs direction on where to go next and she's not a youngster anymore and she doesn't want to stay where she's living. Mrs. Yerger said did you get the impression on how much of that piece she wants, you said roughly two acres, but where she wants to put her house. Mr. Beardsley said yes, they walked the property and it may have been the Zoning Officer and his suggestion was the best place for her to probably get perk was up near where the entrance to the park is. There's a building there that the foundation could be reused for a house and it was up near the road, so it was drier land and more likely to perk, but there could be a conflict on what Parks wants to do. Mrs. Yerger said at one point they were talking about a small parking area and things like that. Mr. Beardsley said it seems to him as long as Linc doesn't know she's looking for money on top of the sale price of the property, that we can sit down with Parks and take a marker out on the map and draw a line. Mrs. Yerger said she doesn't know if the current Park board is still interested in it as it's been awhile. Mr. Beardsley said they were kind of complaining that the 50' ROW was not adequate and they are looking for more. There are some buildings there that could be converted or improved at a small cost and become a pavilion or some picnic tables where people could gather either before or after their hike up the mountain. Parks really needs to look at that, not us. Mrs. Palik said there's a Parks meeting on February 1st and you could always Zoom in and talk to them. Mr. Beardsley said he wouldn't mind doing that. Mrs. Yerger said that would be great. Mrs. Palik said she'll send him the Zoom link. Mr. Beardsley said is there someone on Parks who would be particularly important for him to contact ahead of time. Mrs. Palik said David Spirk is the Chair, and she will send Mr. Beardsley his email and you may want to tell him what you want to talk about so he knows what's going on. Mr. Beardsley said at least this is some progress. Mrs. Yerger said thank you both.

3. Mrs. Yerger said we have an application from the Ronca's and the next step is to have it scored. Mr. Germanoski said Diane indicated she will talk to Jim to get the developmental potential scored and he'll move forward to go out and get it scored and go forward.

#### IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS

# A. <u>FENSTERMACHER MINOR SUBDIVISION MIN 10-20 – 3167 APPLES CHURCH ROAD</u>

Mrs. Yerger said this is the Fenstermacher Minor Subdivision. She was having a hard time with the map as it's so tiny. Does anyone have any comments? Mr. Germanoski said he's with Sandy, it is difficult to see the map, and normally we can look at the larger scaled maps. It does look like a fair amount of this property is relatively moderate to steep slopes so it just raises the question of management of stormwater when it's developed. Best as he can tell from reading this, it suggests the stormwater was going to be managed into a stormwater collection pipe or system and

underground storm sewer piping, etc. That often sounds very good, but in practice in these relatively wooded landscapes, the drains get clogged and they are not being maintained and then you have a real problem. He lives out on Countryside Lane and he has a neighbor that every time there's a heavy rain, he'll see him out with a flashlight and raincoat clearing storm drains to make sure they function, so he'd like to draw the attention of the Planning Commission to stormwater management issues on this site and to look closely at that. Mrs. Yerger said do you want to make an official motion and have Diane send it on to them.

MOTION BY: Mr. Germanoski moved to recommend to the Planning Commission that they pay particular

attention to stormwater management planning at this site, the Fenstermacher Minor Subdivision, MIN 01-20, 3167 Apples Church Road because of the slopes and to ascertain that stormwater

will be adequately managed.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger

**ROLL CALL:** 7-0

# V. UPDATES/REPORTS

**A.** Terry Boos – Hellertown Representative – Absent

**B.** Hellertown-Lower Saucon Winter Restaurant Week – January 17 – 23, 2021

### VI. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 MINUTES

**MOTION BY:** Ms. Ray moved for approval of the September 8, 2020 minutes.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Beardsley

**ROLL CALL:** 7-0

### VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - No public in attendance

Mrs. Yerger said is there anyone on the EAC that wants to speak. Mr. Germanoski said he would appreciate if perhaps Nick and Atom might tell us a little about their interest in serving on the EAC. It's always helpful to know a little about one another. Mrs. Yerger said that's a great idea.

Mr. Lynn said he wants to thank you for allowing him on the EAC. He does see a lot of problems with stormwater runoff around here especially with all the rain we've been getting. It's just been flooding like crazy. He thinks we need to take a better look at things. Mrs. Yerger said we were meeting with a property owner and our Township Engineer and that last storm we had, he was looking it up to see if it was a 100-year storm and he said it was not only a 100-year storm but it was a 500-year storm with the amount of rain that fell in such a short period of time. Stormwater is an issue and it's something that really needs to be looked at, so we welcome you. Mr. Lynn said he lives near the Meadows Bridge so he sees it flooding almost every rain anymore. Mrs. Yerger said she lives by the East Branch of the Saucon Creek and her whole lower end of the yard is always a giant puddle, a mini lake anymore.

Mr. Kallen said he lived in Lower Saucon his entire life. For the last couple of years he's been on the Parks & Recreation Board and he enjoyed it and he was given the opportunity to join this board and considering that he's very interested in the environment, he jumped at the chance.

Mr. Johnson said he read an article where tomorrow the PA DEP is going to have a meeting where the public can comment on the PennEast Pipelines latest plan, which from the little article he read, it seems like PennEast wants to connect to the Adelphia Pipeline and they have to get new permissions as it's a change in plans. He asked if anyone was following that. Mrs. Yerger said she knows PennEast ran into a lot of problems with going through New Jersey and connecting and there was talk they may have to reroute. Mr. Johnson said tomorrow they will talk about PennEast's new plans and getting permission to cross wetlands and streams and that kind of thing. If anyone is interested, they could look it up on DEP's website as it's a virtual meeting.

Mr. Germanoski said it might be helpful to Atom and Nick if they knew something about us. Mr. Germanoski said he's been on the committee maybe 10 years or more. He's a geologist and interested in environmental

issues and hydrology. His expertise is in earth surface process primarily so he has a natural inclination to what's going on around us and found this as an opportunity to contribute to the Township.

Mr. Johnson said he's been on the committee a very long time. He's actually on the Open Space Committee and he used to go on all of the trips to evaluate property, but lately he hasn't been able to do that. He's also interested in streams, wetlands and groundwater because he has a well on his property where he gets his drinking water so that makes him interested on what's going on as far as water in the Township. He's a mechanical engineer and he knows at one time there was a lot of talk about energy and that's what got him started with the EAC and from what he's been reading, there might be some more discussion in the country so energy might be another hot topic in the near future, so he's looking forward to that.

Mr. Beardsley said he spent a large segment of his career working for the NJ Department of Environmental Protection in their Open Space Program, they call it Green Acres. He had some experience with talking to property owners and evaluating open space land and he was on the initial EAC before it was formed. They were just an advisory group. That's where his background is.

Ms. Ray said she's been on the EAC a really long time, longer than some of the long times here. She is in IT by profession, a Business Analyst, a Systems Analyst, whatever they need her to be. She's been interested in all things environmental for a long, long time so that's how she got drawn into the EAC. Mrs. Yerger said and you preserved your property. Ms. Ray said yes, she preserved her 30-acre property out in Lower Saucon over near Bucks County.

Mrs. Oatis said she is a paralegal that moved into the municipal arena about 20-something years ago. She has a handful of municipal clients in the Lehigh Valley. She does everything – a little bit of MS4, a lot of recycling, Act 101 mandated communities, grants, single hauler trash and recycling contracts, the Keep America Beautiful programs, and when a little bit of time freed up, she thought it would be nice to work in her own community and so she has joined the group. She's relatively new and probably the newbie for everyone on the call.

Ms. O'Connor Sommer said she's the newest member, over a year now, and most of her hours are spent home schooling her kids and evenings and weekends she's a law clerk. She joined the committee as she realized throughout her life she so appreciated the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and enjoy our open space and she doesn't believe she really took it for granted, but it started sort of feeling that she should do her part to make sure it stays that we have a beautiful area to live in and the people can get out and enjoy it and it's great for the betterment for society if people are outside and get to have nice clean air to breathe and water to drink. Not that she specifically knows how to do any of those things, but she follows directions really well and she does tasks when given them. That's about what she can add and she usually has the next generation of helpers learning behind her and asking questions, which she has been whispering answers to this whole time.

Mr. Kaye said he can't remember when he joined, it must have been over 10 years ago. When he first moved to the area, it was because he liked the semi-rural environment and liked the outdoors and one of his neighbors was involved in the committee and told him about it so he joined to learn more about it and hopefully have some involvement in helping to preserve the environmental aspects of our Township. His real job is an ear, nose and throat surgeon.

Mr. Boyle said in real life, he's a recovering analytical chemist. He's in sales now and he's been an Associate Member for six years now, so he just became a voting member tonight. He got involved with this as his kids got a little bigger, he had a little more free time and wanted to give back to his community and saw an opening on the EAC and he wanted to get more involved with the Township and he took advantage of it. He loves being part of the Open Space Sub-Committee and gets to go out and see a lot of great properties and scenery in the area, so if that's something you like to see, you can join us there. He looks forward to Nick and Atom being part of the team now.

Mrs. Yerger said she goes way back, she's the oldest of everyone here in terms of how long she's been doing this as she was actually a founder of the EAC in the Township. She works for a conservation organization

and she realized she wanted to bring this back to our Township and because she grew up on the eastern part of the Township next to Williams Township, she backs up to one of the PA Highlands, Granite Hill, and her kids grew up running up around the hills and climbing rocks and learning about all kinds of creepy crawler things that they found fascinating. She realized how special it was and wanted to make sure it was here for the next generation and many more generations after that. Consequently, she did preserve 30 acres of woodlands and stream and vernal pools and ponds and it's a great place for everyone to explore and enjoy. She's very pleased and so happy our EAC has grown so strong over the years and she couldn't have done it without all of your to make it an important committee as we are in the community. She thanks everyone and looks forward to having two new members and we thank Diane who keeps us in line.

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY:** Ms. Ray moved for adjournment. The time was 8:25 p.m.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger

**ROLL CALL:** 7-0

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Sandra B. Yerger, Chair