



To promote a clean and safe environment free of unwanted waste and litter. To promote the beautification of our parks, farms and surrounding areas. Today's clean environment is tomorrow's future!

My name is Martin Rakaczewski and I am the Chairman of the Weisenberg Township EAC (Environmental Advisory Council). I wanted to take a moment and introduce the EAC, what we have accomplished these past two years and give our community members a chance to be part of our amazing team and future! We currently have fourteen members in the EAC from all parts of Weisenberg Township. We work together to protect our environment using our above noted mission statement to guide our efforts. Below are a list of our 2019/2020 accomplishments. We wanted to thank our dedicated and wonderful EAC members, amazing support from the Weisenberg Township Administrator Brian Carl, Weisenberg Township Board of Supervisors, Weisenberg Road Crew and our local businesses supporting our litter pick up action plan along 863 (Palram, Geodis, Waste Management, Bandit Truck Stop). Without them none of these accomplishments would have been possible!

2019/2020 EAC Accomplishments:

- EAC worked with Weisenberg Twp. board of supervisors to pass a littering ordinance fining violators up to \$2,000.
- Installed over 10 no littering signs throughout Weisneberg Twp. targeting illegal dumping areas.
- Four businesses along 863 agreed to a liter pick up action plan and are conducting routine pickups along 863.
- Waste Management installed trash cans at our parks and switched to close top dumpsters in the Waste Management Area.
- The EAC started a Weisenberg Park beautification project (new flower beds, cleaning of hand rails/walkways/gazebo area, trash pickup, fixing gazebo structural issues). Project to be completed in 2021.
- The EAC hosted a litter awareness event with State Police and Waste Management. The event was covered in the North West press and led to several new EAC members joining!
- 2019 EAC members up 600% from 2018.
- EAC identified and worked with the Weisenberg Township Road Crew to address a sink hole, two downed stops signs, and three downed signs indicating a sharp turn and one missing street sign.
- EAC identified over 90 illegally dumped tires along Silver Creek and worked with Weisenberg Township Road Crew to pick them up.
- EAC hosted several litter pick up events to include participation from the PA State Police, Dr. Clutter, Boy Scouts of America with food donated by Weis Markets, Duck Donuts and Dimarcos Pizza. This led to a total of 50 square yards of trash being picked up in 2019 and 2020!
- EAC worked with two local businesses to lower light levels supporting less light pollution.
- EAC worked with local farmers to change compost companies. Previous Compost Company was sending plastic bottles and trash with compost.
- EAC installed cameras at an identified litter dumping area and caught someone dumping trash. The PA State Police worked with the EAC and criminal charges were filed.
- EAC painted stencils indicating drains going to water ways. This supported the Township in tax breaks for completing an Environmental project.

The 2019 and 2020 accomplishments are only the start of what we can truly achieve with the EAC! We want to give all Weisenberg community members a chance to be part of our amazing team, help build our future and learn more about our efforts. Please feel empowered to join of our zoom meeting Jan. 18th 2021 6:00PM (additional zoom meeting info below).

We will be talking about our 2021 projects and overall agenda, addressing any new member requests, answering questions and giving some awards to our current EAC members!

Remember to cover your trash when driving to the dump, pick up any trash you see on walks and report any illegal dumping to the EAC. Thanks!

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Email us any littering tips, questions or otherwise-

EAC@weisenbergtownship.org

EAC Meeting

Time: Jan 18, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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