

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018

Present: Barbara Baus; Jim Bray; Soumya Dharmavaram, Alan Dresser, Co-Chair; Dan Grenier, BOS Liaison; Lisa Kamp; Linda Salvati, Peter Solor, Co-Chair

Mr. Solor called the November EAC meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The first order of business was approval of the October EAC minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously, as written.

EAC Lecture Series – Mr. Solor reported that the meeting room in the Community Center has been reserved for 9am-12pm on Saturday, February 16, for a lecture on streambank/detention basins/lawn maintenance. The list of speakers is still to be determined. It was agreed that the group should begin publicizing the lecture as soon as possible. Mrs. Dharmavaram will design the flyer. There was discussion of the need for all members of the EAC to have access to the email list of attendees from previous lectures. Mr. Dresser will work with Mr. Roden on this project.

Mr. Solor mentioned that Ms. Tierney has given the EAC approval to move some brochures from the Administration Building to the Community Center, where there is more foot traffic.

Streambank Maintenance/Detention Basins/MS4 Program – Remington Vernick is in the process of identifying areas where water bodies have been impaired and will compile a list of streamside properties by mapping the addresses with the streams. Mr. Grenier noted that 2019 will be a big year for MS4. He asked that the EAC not go directly to engineers for help on MS4, without first going through the Township Manager, or, as an alternative, can go directly to Greg Hucklebridge or Jim Majewski, who are familiar with MS4.

It was agreed that the EAC newsletter would be a good way to provide information on MS4.

Elcon – Mr. Dresser finished reviewing the air permit information. His one concern is that part of the route goes through densely populated neighborhoods and near schools. Mr. Solor said the chance of an accident over the life of the project is statistically very low. The EAC will have more information when they receive the risk assessment, which was due on Oct. 31. Once the risk assessment has been received and reviewed, the EAC will provide their input.

Sustainable PA/EAC Initiatives – There will be no further action on this topic.

Newsletter – Mr. Dresser will contact Mr. Roden about the email list.

Treebank Status – Mr. Dresser had sent info on this topic to the BOS but had not gotten any response. Mr. Grenier reported that it is on the agenda for the November 21 BOS meeting.

Land Use Reviews – The Planning Commission had cancelled their November 12 meeting so there was no update on Octagon.

Mr. Dresser raised the subject of the Dobry Road project and the wetlands. He mentioned that the EAC had, previously, forwarded three comment letters to the developers and has not gotten a response. Mr. Grenier said he will follow up on this with the developer. And he will get more information on the wetlands, which are currently set at a 34 foot setback instead of 50.

Environmental Stewardship Award – Mr. Bray had previously provided information on his conversations with Friends of the Five Mile Woods regarding the nomination of the volunteers for receipt of the Award. Mr. Bray suggested raising the award from \$500 to \$1,000. After discussion, it was agreed that he will research steps that need to be taken to make that change.

EAC Budget – Mr. Grenier reported on the budgeting process and explained that it has been a difficult budget year for a variety of reasons. He said that the EAC 2019 budget will be \$4,000. After a discussion of possible uses for the money remaining in the 2018 EAC budget, Mr. Dresser made a motion to buy four recycling bins, to be used by the Parks and Recreation Department, at \$500 each. The motion passed unanimously .

EAC Website Update – There was no action taken on this item.

Year of the Bird Proclamation – Mr. Bray was contacted by a Field Organizer for Audubon, Pa. who is working to help birds impacted by Climate Change. She asked LMT to join the list of municipalities who are signing a proclamation to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and proclaiming 2018 Year of the Bird. A motion was made and approved to forward a recommendation from the EAC that the LMT BOS sign the proclamation. Mr. Bray will do a write up and forward to Mr. Dresser , who will review and send to Mr. Ferguson.

Heritage Tree Ordinance Update – Mr. Bray reported that the Planning Commission had seen the ordinance and suggested some changes, which have been made. Mr. Grenier suggested that Mr. Bray send the revised version, with the PC's comments, to Jim Majewski and ask him for next steps.

Odds and Ends – Ms. Kamp distributed and discussed the information she compiled which provides an overview of a range of reusable bag options. The EAC will review and discuss these options at a future meeting, and share ideas on how the bags could be used to help reduce plastic bag waste in the Township.

It was announced that there will be an electronics recycling event in the Spring, on a date to be decided.

With no further business to be discussed, the November 14 meeting of the EAC was adjourned at 9:15PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on December 12 at 7PM in the LMT Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Solor, Co-chairman

