

# Lower Makefield Township

## LMT-EAC Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2020

**Present:** Linda Salvati, Chair, Kevin Gallen, Vice Chair, Barbara Baus, Soumya Dharmavaram, Alan Dresser, Paul Roden, Guest: Michael Thompson, Yardley Borough EAC

1. **Approval of February 12, 2020 Minutes**
2. **Tree Planting 2020 Locations** – A draft plan for an April planting event at Patterson Farm (MS-4), recommendation of additional planting sites, possible grants. Some of the Tree Bank money that comes from developers' payments for trees not replaced by their construction will be used to pay for the purchase of the trees. Volunteers will be recruited by Monica. Flyers will be posted and a notice sent out via the EAC Newsletter to the e-mail subscribers. Linda and Soumya will work with Greg Hucklebridge, Director of Public Works and Kurt Furguson, Township Manager on the exact date, locations to plant the trees and coordination of the prep work for Public Works employees.
3. **Status of Tree Bank Money** – Received March 11, 2020 email confirmation from Township Manager that a revised ordinance is not required as the township has put new protocols into place to collect funds for tree replacement once development agreements are publicly approved.
4. **Land Use Plans** – Marrazzo's Townhomes Preliminary Plan is under review. The project is to be voted on by the LMT Board of Supervisors in the near future. The EAC has submitted comments on the site plans, set backs of the housing units, use of pervious payment, the building height and water run off. Of particular concern was the water run off plan for the site. There has been no response from the developer on that problem. Wintersteen Preliminary Plan is still under review; Erin Dobry Road Preliminary Plan approved by LMT BOS on Dec. 4, 2019. The Zoning, Planning, and BOS are still awaiting submittal of Final Plan with Stormwater Management Report on the project.
5. **Recycling** – Jean/Alan
  - Styrofoam Recycling Event** – Scheduled for April 18 with Lecture Series. Alan has developed a flyer and Paul Roden will send it out with the Spring Newsletter.
6. **Lecture Series** – April 18<sup>th</sup> lecture "What's Bugging Our Trees in Pennsylvania" by Penn State Master Gardener Colleen Michaels confirmed. Discuss publicity strategies. Discuss member contribution/sign-up list. Press releases will be sent out and a special announcement will be included in the Spring EAC Newsletter
7. **Webpage/Newsletter/LMT Facebook** – Lantern Fly writeup for Facebook page (see Barb's Nov. 30 email). The EAC page on the LMT website is in serious need of updating (Soumya/Paul). Paul will send an e-mail to Fred Weiss asking the BOS approval for re-starting the LMT-EAC Facebook page for community education outreach purposes on the environment. Future announcements of LMT EAC activities will be posted on our Facebook page and other social media sites
8. **Yardley Borough EAC Grant.** The Yardley EAC did receive a grant from the State of PA to conduct an environment impact study of Brock Creek. This study will measure water flow, contaminants, sediments and quality of the water that flows through the Borough and into the Delaware River. This will help the LMT EAC and the Township with future MS-4 compliance

standards for the Delaware River Watershed. They will need volunteers to help with gathering water samples and taking pictures of stream bank erosion. They need help with finding a vendor for procuring water flow metering.

9. **Environmental Stewardship 2019 award** – Selection of Environmental Science Club at Pennsbury High School (See Jim B December 14 email), publicizing 2020 award – Jim Bray is still spearheading this initiative. We will make an announcement in the next Spring EAC Newsletter. There is a provision in the history of this award to make two separate awards for a total of \$1,000.00. \$500 for individuals and \$500 for organizations or groups.
10. **EAC Network Conference** – Saturday May 2, 2020 King of Prussia (Kevin) Kevin is planning to attend.
11. **Odds & Ends** – Outreach to Public Works about use of glyphosate (Roundup) within LMT – Linda; Update on “Ready for 100 program” – Kevin; Wyland Foundation participation
12. **Open Discussion**