

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council

January 13, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda Salvati, Chairperson; Jim Bray; Alan Dresser; Kevin Gallen; Suzanne Blundi, BOS Liaison

The January 13, 2021 meeting of the EAC was held on Zoom, due to restrictions brought on by the Covid19 virus. Ms. Salvati called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

Approval of December 17, 2020 Minutes – Mr. Dresser moved to approve the December 17, 2020 minutes as presented, Mr. Bray seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously. Ms. Salvati will forward the approved copy to the EAC and the Township staff.

Tree Planting 2021 Locations – Ms. Salvati reported that Charles Boehm should be taken off the list of potential locations for tree planting in the near future because construction is planned near the property and coordination with the Pennsbury School Board (owner of the property) will be needed.

Mr. Dresser introduced a draft of a EAC letter to the LMT Staff and Supervisors which outlines and recommends a tree planting plan for 2021. EAC recommends Patterson Farm and locations around Mirror Lake Road for Spring 2021. In the Fall 2021, EAC recommends planting around the community connection trail bordering the Caiola and Fred Allen ballfields, and the Ragan Tract. If the timing is not right on the Ragan Tract, Macclesfield Park may be a candidate.

Mr. Dresser agreed to send the letter out, after making minor changes. It was suggested that late April or early May would work for the Spring planting.

Arboretum at Memorial Park – Mr. Bray suggested that February might be a good time to start the process of obtaining replacement trees for the two or three trees that have died at the Memorial Park arboretum, as well as doing the pruning in the site. Ms. Salvati will send Mr. Bray the name of another tree nursery.

Land Use Plans

Prickett Preserve – Mr. Dresser reported that a revision to the original Sept. 2020 development plans were received by the Township on Dec. 11, 2020. Along with the new plans were responses by the applicant to comments made by others on the Sept. 2020 plans. The responses to the EAC's Nov. 5th comment letter were as follows:

- There was a positive response from the developer about non-native plantings and it is no longer an issue.
- A view shed analysis of the new structures including the 80 ft high Clock tower will be done.
- Six charging stations are proposed. Mr. Gallen said that the number of electric vehicle charging stations is adequate.
- The developer said that it is too early in the design process to respond to the EAC suggestion to use Green Building technology.

- Tree Replacement Ordinance – The developer is still objecting to paying the full amount that would be owed for the replacement trees. The EAC will reiterate their objections.
- Parking – Mr. Dresser will reiterate some of the EAC concerns about parking to the developer, including asking them to look at shared parking.
- Pervious Pavement – A small amount has been added. Mr. Dresser asked them to add more.

Mr. Majewski requested the EAC comments on the new Dec. 11, 2020 plans by next week. The planning comm. will be reviewing it at their Jan. 25th meeting.

Gomez Minor Subdivision – Ms. Salvati reported on an email she received from Mr. Majewski regarding the Gomez Minor Subdivision at 1442 Oxford Valley Road. Mr. Dresser will review it and speak about it at the next meeting. He said that it looks like a relatively small project.

Recycling –

Styrofoam Collection Event – The January 9 event was a huge success and much appreciated by residents. It was agreed that the EAC will hold another Styrofoam event in the Spring, maybe late May.

Pizza Box recycling – Mrs. Bray has not been able to connect with Kristin Schoenleber. She will follow up.

Ms. Blundi asked if the EAC was working on other possible recycling projects. There was discussion of publicizing the Vintage Tech Electronics Recycling group to make our residents aware of this opportunity to recycle. In addition, there was discussion of the EAC supporting the Parks and Rec Dept. in their effort to improve the recycling efforts in the Township parks. This project will begin in the Spring.

Lecture Series – Mr. Bray will move forward on the lecture when it can be held in person, probably in Fall 2021.

Webpage/Newsletter/Every Bit Counts – Mrs. Dharmavaram and Mr. Roden were not in attendance.

Environmental Stewardship Award – The Award will be presented to Mark Bortman at the February 17 BOS meeting. Mr. Bray will supply Ms. Blundi with a write-up and take care of all the logistical requirements.

Parks and Recreation Certification – Ms. Salvati forwarded the EAC information to Ms. Tierney.

Odds& Ends – Mr. Gallen had no update on Ready for 100. A presentation for the Supervisors was planned for Jan. has been delayed.

Open Space - There was discussion about 1101 Big Oak Road. The Township has received word that a developer is looking at buying the property to build 7 houses. Mr. Bray said that he and Mr. Goll had reviewed the 5.75 acre property in 2008-9 and had classified it as A1, because of its ease of development. The owner has stated that rather than sell to a developer he would prefer to sell outright or sell an easement to LMT. Mr. Bray stated to Ms. Blundi that the EAC expertise is available if the Township wants them involved.

Mr. Dresser suggested that the Timko property at the corner of Edgewood and Sandy Run Road would be an excellent open space purchase for the Township for a number of reasons.

With no further business to discuss, the January 13, 2021 meeting of the EAC was adjourned at 6:15. The date of the next Zoom meeting of the EAC is February 10 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Salvati, Chairperson