

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
June 9, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda Salvati, Chairperson; Suzanne Blundi, BOS Liaison; Jim Bray; Alan Dresser, Jonah Rank; Paul Roden

The June 9, 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.

Ms. Salvati welcomed Jonah Rank, a new member of the EAC, and asked him to introduce himself and say a few words.

Approval of April 14, 2021 Minutes – Mr. Bray moved to approve the April minutes as presented, Mr. Roden seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously. Ms. Salvati will forward the approved copy to the EAC and the Township staff.

July and August EAC Meetings – Ms. Salvati suggested that the next two EAC meetings be held July 14 at 5 pm and August 11 at 6 pm. She will get confirmation from the Township and get word out to the EAC.

Tree Planting 2021 Locations – Ms. Salvati reported a tentative date of October 23rd for the next EAC tree planting. The planting will take place at Patterson Farm along the tributary to Buck Creek. It will be a continuation of the plantings done there in November 2020.

Mr. Dresser asked Ms. Blundi if she had any information from the Township on whether they intend to do additional tree plantings this fall. She indicated that she would like to get more planting done this year while also preparing to do even more next year. She would like to see two plantings this year. She mentioned that she feels smaller trees are better if volunteer groups are doing the plantings.

Arboretum at Memorial Park – Mr. Bray reported that he has made arrangements with the nursery for a Fall planting to replace two existing trees at the arboretum that have died. Ms. Salvati would like to plan it for early October. Mr. Dresser, Mr. Bray, and Ms. Salvati would like to have permission to do some pruning work at the Arboretum. Ms. Salvati will give Ms. Tierney a heads up.

Land Use

Prickett Preserve – Building this project will likely begin this fall. Mr. Dresser will talk to Mr. Majewski about the amount of money that will be deposited into the tree bank to account for the required replacement trees.

Deck Minor Subdivision – This project will go back before the Zoning Hearing Board on June 14. The initial plan has been modified.

Signature Homes at Sandy Run Road/College Drive – The owner wants to knock down the existing house, subdivide the property into two lots and build two new houses. Mr. Dresser stated the project would not involve any resource protected land other than steep slopes and not present a major impact on the environment.

Dave Miller Property on Langhorne-Yardley Road – The property, located across from the CVS, consists of two lots. The lot without the existing home will get additional land from the property with the existing home. With this lot line change the undeveloped property will be 2.45 acres in size. In the future this lot might be sold off for development. Mr. Dresser noted it is adjacent to Patterson Farm would be an ideal open space purchase by LMT. It could be a small park offering excellent views of Patterson Farm.

Recycling – Mr. Dresser reported that the May 15th, styrofoam, cork, and pill box collection was a huge success. 14 lbs of cork were collected. We have scheduled the next collection for September 18th from 10 am to noon. We will address the question of including adding household batteries to the collection at our next meeting.

Lectures – Ms. Salvati reported that the composting lecture, given by Heather Guidice, went well.

It was agreed that the macroinvertebrate study will be held in June of next year. Ms. Salvati will work on it with Mrs. Dharmavaram and Penn State.

Mr. Bray said the lecture on invasive insects (What's Bugging Our Trees) which has been put off because of Covid should continue to be put off until it can be presented live and in person.

Environmental Stewardship Award – Mr. Bray asked that Council members think of ways the Award can be advertised.

Odds and Ends – There was discussion on drafting an EAC letter that would make recommendations on what environmentally beneficial things could be done with the money from the sale of the Township's sewer system. The amount of money that will be available is currently estimated to be \$18.3 million. Ms. Blundi suggested that the EAC should write such a letter.

Mr. Dresser spoke about the LMT Community Day event on August 29, asked whether the EAC wanted to have a table, and, if so, who would volunteer to site at the table. The general consensus was to have a table.

With no further business to discuss, the June 9 meeting of the EAC was adjourned at 6:20pm. The date of the next Zoom meeting is July 14 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Salvati, Chairperson