

**Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

April 7, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda Salvati, Co-Chair; Suzanne Blundi, BOS Liaison; James Bray; Soumya Dharmavaram, Alan Dresser, Co-Chair; Kevin Gallen; Jonah Rank, Paul Roden

Mr. Dresser called the Zoom EAC meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Review/Approval of March 3, 2022 Minutes – The first order of business was approval of the March 3, 2022 EAC minutes. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Salvati seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Dresser will forward the minutes to the Township.

Ms. Blundi announced that the Township will be looking for a new manager because the current manager Mr. Ferguson has submitted his resignation. The Supervisors will be starting the search for a new Manager. Mr. Ferguson will be staying on until the beginning of July.

Plastic Bag Reduction – Mr. Dresser asked about the status of the letter Mr. Rank sent to the Supervisors regarding plastic bag reduction. Ms. Blundi said she will follow up with the Supervisors but doesn't know how soon Mr. McCartney will be able to get it on the agenda. Mr. Bray suggested that Mr. Rank could draft a letter to be sent to Mr. McCartney asking for it to be placed on the BOS agenda. Ms. Salvati and Mr. Dresser review it.

Tree Planting Locations – Ms. Blundi also announced that permission has been given to proceed with the Kids Kingdom tree planting project. This is one of the tree planting projects recommended in the EAC's letter to the BOS. She mentioned that this tree planting may be all the planting they can commit to right now in view of Mr. Ferguson's needing to take care of other things before he leaves. Ms. Salvati will visit the Kids Kingdom site to investigate the type, number, and location of trees to be planted there. Mr. Bray and Mrs. Dharmavaram will join her.

Tree Related Ordinances/Invasive Species Ordinance – Ms. Salvati has contacted to Mr. Majewski about this ordinance but has not gotten a response.

Land Use Plans –

1566 LLC Subdivision – There is nothing new on this project which proposes 6 new houses on a 21 acre site near the intersection of Yardley-Newtown Road and Creamery Road. A revised preliminary final plan needs to be submitted as well as required Zoning Board variances for the two proposed sewer line easements.

Boehm School – There are plans to build a 7,845 square feet addition on the corner of the school building, as well as some modifications of the parking area and the addition of a parking

island. 5 existing trees will be cut but 39 new native trees will be planted. Because there are no environmental issues Mr. Dresser does not feel the EAC needs to comment.

It was noted that the Township's MS4 permit includes rehabilitation of the Rock Run stream bank to the east of the school structure. Severe bank erosion has occurred there.

Recycling –

Styrofoam+ Event – Mr. Dresser proposed that the event be held on Saturday May 21 from 10 am -12 noon. The EAC members agreed. Mr. Dresser will arrange for a truck to transport the Styrofoam to a recycling center and purchase the large bags needed for the styrofoam. Pill containers, batteries and corks will also be collected. Mr. Dresser will take the styrofoam to RayBob on the Monday morning following the event.

Recycling Guidance – Mr. Dresser spoke about the flyer he had designed, which makes it easier for residents to know what can and cannot be recycled in their residential recycling bin. He asked that the EAC post the flyer where appropriate. It will also be posted on the EAC website and on social media.

EAC Lecture – Mrs. Dharmavaram spoke about her upcoming event on April 29, at the Community Center, at 7PM. There will be four local experts, each speaking about different aspects of native plants. Mrs. Dharmavaram feels that this is currently a topic of great interest locally and expects that it will be well-attended. There followed discussion about the publicity, which seems to be well-covered. Mr. Bray will gather some brochures on native plants to be made available at the lecture.

EAC Newsletter – In the near future Mr. Roden will send out a newsletter with information of the May 21st recycling event. The April 29th EAC lecture, and the flyer with guidance on residential recycling in LMT.

Ready for 100 – Mr. Gallen said he believes the Sierra Club is reorganizing. He will report back when he gets more information.

Earth Day – The members agreed that the EAC will have a table at this year's Middletown Township Earth Day Event on April 23. Mr. Dresser, Mr. Roden and Mrs. Bray will participate.

Odds and Ends – Mr. Dresser suggested that the members take a look at the Park and Rec assessment document "Play for All" once it becomes available. He noted that the results of the assessment may play a part in future changes made to our parks.

Mr. Bray spoke about the letter he received from resident and former EAC member, Rick Ewing. In it, Mr. Ewing shared his thoughts on some Township issues that the EAC might want to look into.

With no more business to discuss, Mr. Bray made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Linda Salvati seconded the motion and the vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous. The April 7

meeting of the EAC was adjourned at 7:00PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be a hybrid mtg. held at a time to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Co-Chairperson