

**Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

January 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Mr. Roden moved to open the meeting, Mr. Rank seconded the motion and the EAC Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Election of New EAC Chair – Ms. Salvati agreed to continue in the Chair role for 2022 for the EAC and Mr. Dresser agreed to be Co-Chair. Mr. Rank moved to accept the motion that Ms. Salvati will be Chair for 2022 and Mr. Dresser will be Co-Chair for 2022, Mr. Roden seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of December 16 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the December 16, 2021 EAC minutes as written, Mr. Roden seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

End of Year 2021 Review – Ms. Salvati asked the EAC members to review the End of Year document, which will be discussed at the February EAC meeting.

Tree Ordinance Changes – In response to a question about when the change in the tree ordinance will be discussed, Ms. Blundi said it might be at the first BOS meeting on February 2nd. She noted that in the near future the text will be published in the Courier Times.

Ms. Salvati will contact Jim Majewski by the end of the week to discuss invasive species.

2022 Tree Planting Locations – Ms. Salvati, Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser agreed to discuss the list of potential tree planting locations in 2022 in a conference phone call. The call will take place at 1:30 on January 12. A draft letter to the BOS recommending various locations for tree plantings by the EAC and Township will be discussed. A summary of the call will be given at the next EAC meeting.

Land Use –

Deck Lot – Mr. Dresser reported that in spite of overwhelming opposition by the neighbors to the requested variances, the Zoning Board approved the variances.

Bucks County Smiles – There is nothing new on this project.

Styrofoam Event – The event is scheduled for 10 AM – Noon on January 8th. In addition to Styrofoam; corks, household batteries and prescription pill bottles will be collected.

Recycling in LMT Parks - Mr. Dresser reported that Ms. Tierney had purchased two sets of trash/recycling containers to be used in one of the LMT parks. This purchase and other issues concerning the improvement of recycling in LMT's parks will be discussed at the scheduled January 10 meeting with EAC members and Ms. Tierney.

Plastic Bag Survey – Mr. Rank reported that the survey has been completed and is ready to be utilized. He asked about putting it on line and suggested that another way the information could be gathered is by standing outside grocery stores to get input from the customers. It was agreed that Mr. Rank would need permission from the store management to do that. Ms. Blundi will speak to the Township Manager about putting the survey on-line, BOS approval may be needed.

Newsletter – Mr. Roden will send out an email today or tomorrow about the Styrofoam Event.

Environmental Stewardship Award - Mr. Bray reported that the Award plaque may be presented to Heather Guidice of Kona Composting, the 2021 Environmental Stewardship Award winner, at the Feb. 2nd BOS Mtg. Ms. Blundi will update BOS Chair, Mr. McCartney, on the award.

Renewable and Emerging Sustainable Energy Ordinance – Mr. Rank and Mr. Gallen have been working on a model zoning ordinance. The EAC members have received copies of the draft ordinance. Mr. Rank suggested that he would be happy for their input on if/when it should be submitted to the BOS. Mr. Rank and Mr. Gallen had also shared the document with members of the Ready for 100 group and received feedback from them.

Ready for 100 – Mr. Gallen said that nothing has happened on this initiative in the last month. He is working toward having something to present to the BOS by the March meeting.

Deer Management – There was a brief discussion of the deer issue in Lower Makefield Township. This topic will be discussed in more depth at an upcoming EAC meeting.

Odds and Ends – Ms. Blundi asked that the EAC not lose sight of the basin retrofitting that needs to be done. She wants to keep it on the agenda and, in particular, wants to make sure that we maximize the eco-friendly naturalization piece. Mr. Dresser asked for ideas to include in the EAC letter that will be sent to the BOS on recommendations how the Township can spend some of the sewer system sale money.

With no further business to discuss, the January meeting of the EAC was adjourned at 7 pm. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on Zoom on February 3 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Salvati, Chairperson