

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
October 6, 2022 Meeting

Present: Alan Dresser, Co-Chair; James Bray; Soumya Dharmavaram; Matt Farrell (new member); Kevin Gallen; Paul Roden

Also in attendance was Lower Makefield Township resident Douglas Marshall

Mr. Dresser called the Environmental Advisory Council October 6 meeting to order at 6pm. The first order of business was to welcome Matt Farrell to the Council. He gave the Council an update on his educational and work experience, which was very impressive and relevant.

Approval of September 8 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Bray moved to approve the September 8 meeting minutes as amended, all were in favor, and Mr. Dresser will send the approved minutes to the Township for posting.

Recycling

Rain Barrels – Ms. Tierney was not able to make the meeting. She will update the Council at the November meeting.

Recycling in LMT Parks, Carry In/Carry Out Concept – Mr. Bray will contact Ms. Tierney to discuss a meeting regarding these, and perhaps other aspects, of recycling.

Fall Recycling Event – The October 29th styrofoam, battery, prescription bottle/corks recycling event is ready to go. Mr. Dresser, Mr. Bray, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Roden will be helping.

Recycling in LMT Schools – Mr. Gallen, Ms. Salvati and Mrs. Dharmavaram attended the Sept. 28th Pennsbury School District's Sustainability Meeting. Mr. Gallen reported that it was very well attended and other EACs were in attendance.

Single-Use Plastic Bags – There is nothing new on the letter regarding this matter. However, Mr. Bray spoke about the progress re: this issue in some local communities, in the State and in the Country as a whole.

Invasive Species Ordinance – Ms. Salvati was not in attendance to report on this issue. Mr. Bray will follow up with Mr. Majewski on setting up a meeting to discuss this issue.

Tree Planting Fall 2022 Locations – Mr. Bray reported on the Mirror Lake Road project. He had talked to the people at Fernbrook Nursery but will need to follow up with them when the manager returns.

Land Use Plans – There is nothing new on revised plans for the 1566 LLC Subdivision or 1101 Big Oak Road, and there are no new development applications.

Environmental Lecture Series – There was a discussion of Lee Pedowicz's lectures on electrical generation transmission. The EAC members who had attended found it to be very well-done and interesting. It was suggested that a different time/day might have brought in a larger audience. Mr. Dresser will investigate if the lecture can be put on the website.

Webpage/Newsletter/Every Bit Counts – Mr. Roden will send out a newsletter to remind everyone of the Oct. 29th recycling event and candy wrapper collection.

Environmental Stewardship Award - Mr. Bray indicated that he will have a nominee to suggest at the November meeting.

Odds and Ends –

Mr. Farrell suggested that the EAC buy a box from Terracycle that can be used to collect and recycle candy wrappings after Halloween. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

Public Comment – Mr. Marshall, an LMT resident, was in attendance to follow up on two land use issues. The first was related to the 1101 Big Oak Road project. Mr. Marshall wondered when the developer would be submitting a revised preliminary plan. Mr. Dresser said he had asked the LMT zoning department two weeks ago and been told it would be coming soon. He said they will comment on the revised plan when it comes in.

Mr. Marshall then asked for more information about the inventory of desirable open space acquisitions that the EAC has been gathering. Mr. Bray gave him an overview of the work the EAC had done over the years to keep as much of the Township as open space as possible. The EAC has always been in the forefront for Open Space acquisition

The EAC will donate \$140 to Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve to enable them to give talks to the Boy Scouts on the benefits of native plants.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Dresser moved to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7pm. The date of the next meeting is to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Co-Chair