

**Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
September 8, 2022**

Meeting Minutes

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

Ms. Salvati called the September 8, 2022 EAC virtual meeting to order. The first order of business was review and approval of the July 7 and August 4, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Bray moved to approve, Mr. Dresser seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written. Ms. Salvati will forward the approved minutes to the Township.

Invasive Species Ordinance – There was discussion that the latest Township’s version of the Invasive Species Ordinance did not incorporate the many changes the EAC had suggested. Linda and Jim will schedule a meeting with Mr. Majewski to discuss.

Fall Planting 2022 – The plantings in the Memorial Park Arboretum and Kids Kingdom are proceeding according to plan. The EAC will be working with the Township and the nurseries on these projects. A fall planting along Mirror Lake Road is also being considered

Land Use – Mr. Dresser reported that there have been no new submittals concerning development in the Township, including the three active building projects in the agenda.

Recycling

Plastic Bags – There is nothing new on the EAC’s drafted letter for the BOS to send to the County Commissioners. Ms. Blundi will continue to follow up.

Fall Recycling Event - The Fall Styrofoam/Cork/Pill Bottle/Battery Event is scheduled for October 29. Mr. Dresser said that RayBob Packaging is happy to take any and all of the styrofoam we collect. Ms. Salvati will contact the cat rescue group to see if they can use the styrofoam coolers that are donated.

Recycling in the Parks – Mr. Bray reported on the research he has been doing on “carry in- carry out” in parks. He has identified local parks and parks in other states that have successfully transitioned to carry in-carry out and is suggesting that LMT move in that direction by starting with some of the smaller parks and recreation areas. He provided the group with a write-up listing the benefits of “carry in – carry out” and asked for approval to go to the next step, i.e., meeting with Ms. Tierney. Mr. Dresser moved to approve Mr. Bray moving forward with this project, Mrs. Dharmavaram seconded it and it was approved unanimously. Mr. Bray will report at October's meeting.

Sustainability Project – Three members of the EAC (Soumya, Kevin, and Jeanne) will be attending the September 28 kick-off meeting of the Pennsbury School District’s Sustainability project.

EAC Lecture Series – Mr. Pedowicz’s one-hour lecture on Electrical Generation Transmission and Renewables is scheduled for 1 pm on September 22 and 29 (Thursdays) in the Community Center. Ms. Salvati will talk to Ms. Tierney to offer the EAC's help.

Rain Barrels – Ms. Tierney will attend the next meeting to update the EAC on this project.

Webpage – Mr. Dresser will follow up with Mr. Roden on sending an EAC newsletter to publicize the upcoming lecture and recycling event.

Play for All – A consultant will be hired in the near future to conduct a study of Macclesfield Park and its sports fields. The EAC has comments it would like to provide the consultant.

Every Bit Counts – There is no update on this project.

Ready 100 – Mr. Gallen indicated that this project is no longer active.

With no more business to discuss, the EAC meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on Oct. 6th from 6-7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Salvati, Chairperson