

Lower Makefield Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Sept 14, 2023 Meeting

Present: Alan Dresser, Co-Chair; James Bray; Soumya Dharmavaram; Kevin Gallen; Paul Roden

Mr. Dresser called the meeting to order at 6PM. The first order of business was review of the August 10 minutes. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Dharmavaram seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Fall Tree Plantings and 2024 Long Range Tree Planting Plan Update**

Mr. Bray reported that he was pleased with the selected bid amount for planting the 162 trees (\$66,000 ) this fall. This figure is much lower than the Township predicted. Mr. Dresser indicated that the Supervisors would be voting on this at the next Board meeting. The EAC will provide any necessary assistance.

A bid has also been accepted for development of a new long-range tree planting program to replace the 2016 tree planting plan. The firm of Thomas Comitta and Assoc. had the winning bid of \$18,000. The money will come out of the tree bank. Mr. Bray commented that \$18,000 seemed to be a fair amt. to pay for the plan. Thomas Comitta will be attending the EAC's Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the plan and get EAC input.

**Recycling**

Fall Recycling Event – Mr. Dresser reported on the next recycling event, scheduled for October 28. Several members of the Lions Club will join the EAC members on that date to help out.

EAC's 2023 Recycling Guide – Mr. Farrell was not in attendance.

Mr. Dresser noted that an LMT e-waste collection event with multiple municipalities participating was being considered by the Township.

**Proposed LMT Ordinance Revisions Update** – The zoning ordinance portion of the 25% open space proposal was approved for properties of 10 acres. The SALDO portion of the necessary ordinance changes may go before the board on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dresser may submit some comments on the SALDO portion of changes. It is hoped that the new ordinances won't all for an increased number of homes on a given site.

**Land Use Plans** – There is no update on the 1566 LLC Subdivision or the Torbert Farm Development.

Point/Troilo – There are some issues with traffic per the Planning Commission meeting of Aug. 14th.

1511 Lindenhurst – New plan, subdividing a 4.5 lot and adding a new home to the new lot. Comments are due September 29. Stream buffer issues.

**EAC Letter with Suggestions on Reducing Township Flooding** – Mr. Dresser has drafted a portion of the comment letter and is waiting for Mr. Farrell's portion on a stormwater management fee program. The Township is doing a study of drainage in the Maple Vale area of the twp.

**Newsletter** – Mr. Roden said that he will put the newsletter on Facebook.

**EAC Webpage Update Project** – Mrs. Dharmavaram is working on this project.

**Odds and Ends** –

**Audubon Bird Town Program Reactivation** – The EAC is beginning the process that will revitalize their membership in Bird Town.

**Macclesfield Park Steering Committee Update** – LMT hired Natural Lands Trust to perform a study of the site.

**Patterson Farm/Ad Hoc Property Committee Update** – The next public forum is Tuesday, September 26 at the LMT building.

**Sustainability at LMT Events** - Mr. Gallen spoke about the list of ways the Township can reduce waste at large events.

**Tree City USA** – Ms. Dharmavaram gave a briefing on the Tree Town USA program and what LMT would need to do to qualify. Several other municipalities in the area (New Hope, Yardley, and Solebury Township) are in the program.

With no more business to discuss, Mr. Dresser asked for a call to adjourn. Mr. Roden called for the meeting to adjourn, Mr. Bray seconded the motion and all were in favor. The next EAC meeting will be held on October 12.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Co-Chair