**Lower Makefield Township**

**Environmental Advisory Council**

 **June 8, 2023 Meeting**

Present: Alan Dresser, Co-Chair; James Bray; Kevin Gallen; Dan Grenier, BOS Liaison; Soumya Dharmavaram

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

The first order of business was review and approval of the May 11 minutes. Mr. Bray moved to approve the minutes, as amended, Mr. Gallen seconded the motion and the minutes were

approved unanimously.

**Future Tree Planting Locations** – Mr. Dresser reported that the EAC April 14th letter on this topic was discussed at the BOS June 7th meeting. The EAC had recommended 6 tree planting locations for a total of 162 shade trees. For various reasons the Township reduced the fall plantings to three locations; Memorial Park, Caiola Baseball Fields, and Fred Allen Softball Fields. Ms. Salvati, Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser will recommend the species and get Mr. Kratzer’s input.

There is also interest in creating new Long Range Master Tree Plan. Mr. Kratzer will look for a consultant who can provide such a plan.

**Recycling**

Fall Recycling Event – The date for the Fall event is tentatively scheduled for October 28. Mr. Dresser will contact the Lions Club in August to see if they are interested in volunteering to help with the collection.

Recycling in LMT Schools – Mr. Gallen reported that there was no new information from the Pennsbury School District Sustainability Committee.

EAC’s 2023 Recycling Guide – Mr. Farrell will take on the responsibility for keeping the Guide updated.

**Proposed Requirement for Open Space in Residential Development Ordinance Revisions** – The BOS had voted on June 7 to advertise the revised zoning ordinance. It calls for a minimum of 25 percent as open space. One aspect of the revised 0rdinance is to make sure that open space is more contiguous.

**Land Use Plan**

1101 Big Oak Road – The plan approved at the May 31st BOS meeting. No replacement trees planted on-site, all money went to Tree Bank.

1566 LLC Subdivision – There is nothing new.

Torbert Farm Development – The proposed development will be discussed by the Planning Commission on June 12. Mr. Bray was at the May 25 site visit and noted the current site plan yielded 78 houses. Mr. Bray suggested that possibly 20 acres along Newtown Yardley Rd. be set aside as a conservation easement or placed in Farmland Preservation. The EAC comments were sent out on May 12.

Point/Troilo [Edgewood Village] – The preliminary plans for 13 housing units in 5 buildings on 0.76 acres of land were submitted on May 10, 2023. EAC comment letter dated June 9 will be sent out tomorrow.

**2023Environmental Lecture Series –** The lecture by Mike Weilbacher on Monarch Butterflies is scheduled for June 10 at 10 am at the Township Building.

**Newsletter –** Mr. Roden was not in attendance**.**

**EAC Webpage Update Project –** Mrs. Dharmavaram agreed to take responsibility for this effort.

**Odds and Ends** –

Ms. Dharmavaram said she was willing to find out info on what is required for LMT to become a “Tree City USA”

Mr. Bray reported on his June 8 meeting with Township Manager, David Kratzer. Where Basin Naturalization and open Space issues were discussed.

There was no update on the Audubon Birdtown program.

Mr. Farrell was not in attendance to report on the Macclesfield Park Steering Committee

There was no update on the Patterson Farm/Ad Hoc Property Committee.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Dresser moved to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. The next EAC hybrid meeting will be held on July 13, 2023 at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chair