

LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
JANUARY 11, 2024 MINUTES

PRESENT: Alan Dresser, Chairman; Jim Bray; Kevin Gallen; Soumya Dharmavaram; Paul Roden
Also in attendance was Arborist Thomas Comitta

Mr. Dresser called the 6PM hybrid meeting to order. The first order of business was to welcome Matt Ross as BOS Liaison to the EAC. Mr. Ross was formerly on the Yardley Council.

The next order of business was review and approval of the December 14 meeting minutes. Mr. Bray moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Dresser seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – Mr. Bray was nominated for EAC Chairman for year 2024 and Mr. Dresser was nominated as Vice chair. All members voted in favor. Mr. Bray will be the Chair and Mr. Dresser will be Vice Chair for 2024

New Long-Range Tree Planting Plan – As soon as the EAC revisions are incorporated into the plan the Plan will be sent to the EAC for their approval. Plans will also be sent to Parks and Rec.

Recycling – The January 20 Styrofoam Plus recycling event will proceed as planned, with help from several volunteers. Mr. Roden reported that he had sent out a newsletter notifying the EAC list of the event, which is always well attended.

With regard to the plastic bag ban, there was no information as Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser will be meeting with Dave Kratzer, Township Manager, on December 24 to discuss this and other issues.

Update on Land Use Plans –

Torbert Farm Development – The review was extended to January 31.

Edgewood/Sandy Run Road Minor Subdivision – There is nothing new on this project.

Audubon PA Bird Town Program Reactivation – The updated Resolution was signed on December 6 by the BOS. A committee is being formed and programs are being planned. Collaborative efforts with Newtown Theatre, LMT Parks and Rec., Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve and wash. Crossing Park are also being discussed

EAC Lecture Series – Mrs. Dharmavaram knows of a possible lecture on native edible and medicinal plants that might be of interest. She will find out more info re: this lecture.

EAC and Township Newsletters – Mr. Roden offered to send out a newsletter on the upcoming January 20 recycle event.

Odds and Ends –

The 2023 Environmental Stewardship Award will be presented at a BOS meeting in February or March.

Mr. Bray expressed his interest in the Township joining Tree City USA. We will determine what the requirements are to join this National Tree Program.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Bray called to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The next meeting will be on February 8, 2024 at 6PM and will be hybrid.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Bray, Chairman