

LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

JUNE 12, 2025 MEETING

Present: Jim Bray, Chair; Alan Dresser, Vice Chair; Kevin Gallen; Supervisor John Lewis; Dominique Mitchell; Paul Roden

Also in attendance was LMT resident, Doug Marshall.

Mr. Bray called the meeting to order at 6:10PM. The first order of business was the review and approval of the April 10 and May 8 EAC minutes. All members were in favor of both sets of minutes.

2024 Long-Range Master Tree Plan – Mr. Bray reported that 49 trees had recently been planted in Memorial Park (basketball court and parking lot areas) and near Edgewood Road across from the Township Building. He will be setting up a meeting with Mr. Majewski and Mr. Dresser on June 25 to discuss the fall Plantings.

Also, the Bradford Pear trees in the Township Building parking lot need to be replaced, Mr. Lewis would like some suggestions on which trees should replace them.

Recycling – The next Styrofoam+ event will be held in this fall on Nov. 1, 2025.

Single Trash Hauler – Mr. Bray noted that 70% of the United States has a single trash hauler. Supervisor Lewis raised the subject of LMT's HOAs and their unique situations. Mr. Bray will gather some information on how many HOAs in LMT have more than one trash hauler. He feels this is a very important project.

Public Comment - Mr. Bray then invited Mr. Marshall to speak about the reason he wanted to be at the meeting. He explained that open space is extremely important to him and wants to save as much of it in the Township as is possible. He spoke about a large property he has seen along Big Oak Road that has a great deal of open space and suggested that the Township approach the owner to see if he has any interest in selling it to the Township. Mr. Bray indicated he had talked to the owner years ago and he was not interested at that time. Mr. Dresser will write-up a description of the property and send it to the EAC liaison John Lewis. He will talk to other supervisors to see if there is any interest in procuring this property for open space.

Review Proposed Chicken Ordinance – BOS Liaison John Lewis will check re: BOS interest in moving forward with this Ordinance. The Planning Commission will need to review it.

Bird Town PA – Jeanne Bray suggested that LMT's Bird Town is looking into several potential future programs, including bird lectures and a presentation with live birds. Also, LMT Bird Town

will be receiving three bird houses for Prothonotary Warblers from the PA Game Commission. They will be placed on LMT property somewhere near the Canal. She asked that anyone who is interested in joining Bird Town PA should contact her at jjyardley56@gmail.com.parcel

Open Space – Mr. Bray reviewed the LMT proposal to turn the Regency 5 acre open space parcel into a Native Plant meadow.

Update on Land Use Plans – Mr. Dresser reported that the Wright Farm development of 47 homes was recently approved by the Board of Supervisors. There will be a significant vegetative buffer between the homes and Yardley-Newtown Rd.

Proposed Single Use Plastics Ban – Mr. Bray stated that the poll taken as people entered the Micro-Plastics lecture given by Mike Weilbacherthe was heavily in favor of a Plastics Ban. Mr. Bray indicated that he hopes to be moving on this project in the future.

EAC Lecture Series – EAC member Dominique Mitchell suggested that Mr. Bray give a lecture on native plants and trees in the near future.

Updated Publicity List – Mr. Bray commented on how many more attendees the EAC has had at their events since Mrs. Mitchell has been updating the publicity list. He spoke about a suggestion that was made to him regarding adding names from HOAs to our lists. He asked Mrs. Mitchell to follow up on this.

Odds and Ends – The EAC entered LMT's Tree Bank Ordinance as a candidate for an award in Bowman Hills Land Ethics Symposium.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Bray called the meeting to a close at 7:20PM. The next EAC meeting will be held in person on July 10 at 6:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Bray, Chair