

**Lower Makefield Township**  
**Environmental Advisory Council**  
**July 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Present: James Bray, Chair; Alan Dresser, Vice Chair, virtual; Soumya Dharmavaram, virtual; Sheryl Coffee; Kevin Gallen; Dominique Mitchell; Paul Roden

There were also residents from the Regency HOA in attendance as well as Janice Birn, a resident who joined by phone

Mr. Bray called the meeting to order at 6:05PM. The first item on the agenda was approval of the June 12, 2025 minutes. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**2024 Long-Range Master Tree Plan** – For the benefit of the visitors who may not have known about the Township's unique program for tree replacement, Mr. Bray spoke about LMT's Tree Bank. 142 trees will be planted at several locations in the Township as part of the Fall planting.

**Recycling** – The next EAC Styrofoam+ Recycling Event will be held on November 1, 2025 in front of the LMT Admin building from 10 a.m. - noon.

**Review Proposed Chicken Ordinance** – Supervisor Liaison John Lewis could not attend tonight. The Chicken Ordinance will be discussed at the August EAC meeting.

**Bird Town PA** – Mrs. Bray, Chair of LMT Bird Town PA, reported on upcoming programs, including:

- A bird lecture with Julie Pasini Yardley's Bird Town PA Chair, on a date TBD in September
- A possible collaboration with the Yardley-Makefield Library and Yardley Bird Town PA and EAC on a childrens' program about birds, during the summer
- Yardley Bird Town PA has invited us to share their table at the September 20th at Harvest Day Festival
- In late Summer or early Fall, we will be placing three bird nesting boxes near the wide water section of the Canal. They were given to us by the PA Game Commission. Made to attract Prothonotary Warblers, this site was selected because it is excellent habitat.

**Open Space** – This item was simply to discuss the status of LMT's proposal to create a native plant meadow in their 5 acre open space area bordering the Regency Development. A number of Regency residents were in attendance to discuss their concerns about both the meadow,

which they were not in favor of, and the fact that they were not told about what they thought was a decision-making process. Mr. Bray explained that the EAC does not make policy and that the discussion was only going to be an update on where the project currently stands. He also stated that, as far as he knew, the dialogue was ongoing and that no final decision has been made.

**Land Use Reviews** – There were no new land development submissions during the last month. Mr. Dresser asked for a vote on sending the letter to Mr. Majewski regarding the expiration of a developer's 5-year exemption from new ordinance changes after preliminary plan approval. The motion was passed and the draft letter will be sent.

**Proposed Single Use Plastics Ban** – It was agreed that this Plastics Ban Information seminar should be scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> and should be treated as an EAC lecture.

**Solar for LMT** – Mr. Gallen reported that he believes there have been meetings on this issue but there is no information available yet.

**EAC Lecture Series** – Mr. Bray suggested he might do a lecture on Native Plants next Spring.

**Odds and Ends** – Ms. Jan Birn called in to ask about the Single Trash Hauler project. Mr. Bray indicated that it will probably be brought up again at the end of the year or early next year.

With no further business to discuss, the July 10, 2025 LMT EAC meeting was called to an end at 7:15PM. The next meeting will be held at 6PM on August 14, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Bray, Chair



