

Lower Makefield Township

Environmental Advisory Council

September 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jim Bray, Chair; Alan Dresser (virtual), Co-Chair; Cheryl Coffee; Soumya Dharmavaram; Dominique Mitchell; Elizabeth Quigley; Paul Roden, Eleanor Turner

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM. Mr. Bray entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the EAC's August 14, 2025 meeting. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

New EAC Members – Mr. Bray spoke about the difference between Full Members and Alternate Members and introduced two new EAC members - Eleanor Turner, a Full Member, and Elizabeth Quigley, an Alternate Member. Both come with extremely impressive backgrounds and will, undoubtedly, be a great asset to the EAC and the Township.

Mr. Bray then thanked Mrs. Mitchell for all the help she has given in her time as an Alternate Member and introduced her as a Full Member.

Mr. Bray also thanked Mr. Gallen, who was in attendance but has stepped down as a member, for his many years of service to the EAC, Township and the community.

EAC Project Assignments – The assignments that Mr. Bray would like to have the EAC work on include **Environmental Grants, EAC Awards, the Heritage Tree Ordinance, and Tree Tenders vs. Municipal Tree Commission**. Mrs. Dharmavaram agreed to work on the Tree Tenders vs. Municipal Tree Comm. to determine which is more effective.

2024 Long-Range Master Tree Plan – Mr. Bray mentioned that since the LMT Tree Bank Ordinance passed, the Township has collected approx.\$750,000. On Sunday, Sept. 21st, members of the EAC will begin an effort to count the number of trees that are dead/missing at most locations where the township has planted trees in recent years.

Homeowner's Association – Mrs. Mitchell indicated that Mr. Majewski had provided her with a short list of HOA Presidents in the Township. After a short discussion of the efficacy of adding their names to our publicity list, it was decided that there could be value in it.

Recycling – The Styrofoam and Recycling Event is scheduled for 10am – noon November 1, 2025. Mr. Dresser will be publicizing it shortly. In addition, we will investigate whether pumpkins should also be collected recycling. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.

Review Proposed Chicken Ordinance – Supervisor Lewis said that the Planning Commission will review the ordinance and then the BOS will consider it for adoption.

LMT's Bird Town PA – LMT's Bird Town PA Chair Jeanne Bray reported on several upcoming bird events. She was invited to share a table with Yardley Borough's Bird Town PA Chair, Julie Pasini, at Yardley's Harvest Day on September 20, 2025.

On November 15, Juanita Hummel, a Bowman-s Hill W.P. Naturalist will be giving local residents to a bird lecture in the Township. More information will be coming.

On November 22, LMT's Bird Town will be collaborating with Yardley's EAC and Bird Town, as well as Bowman's Wildflower Preserve, to give a children's program at the Preserve.

Land Use Reviews – Mr. Dresser asked Mr. Lewis about the status of the Dogwood Drive project. Mr. Lewis said they are still working on this.

Mr. Dresser mentioned that the Synagogue project on Edgewood Road just r'd several variances from the Zoning Board.

Proposed Single Use Plastics Ban – On November 8, Faran Savitz, Zero Waste Advocate for Penn Environment, Elaine McCarron former Newtown Twp. EAC Member and Elen Snyder, current BOS Chair for Newtown Twp., will be giving a lecture on the topic of Single Use Plastics. The lecture will be followed by questions and answers session. This program is open to the public.

EAC Lecture Series – It was suggested that we discuss having a "Fashion Waste" program in Spring 2026 given by Eleanor Turner.

EAC and Township Newsletters –

Odds and Ends –

1. The Township will have a bike rack soon.
2. Tree Bank Ordinance Modifications – Mr. Dresser was at the PC meeting where this was discussed and he said he would fill Mr. Bray in on the small changes made.
3. Memorial Park Arboretum Sign Cleaning – Volunteers are needed for this project.
4. Landscape Equipment Restrictions – This subject will be taken up at the next meeting.

With no more business to discuss, Mr. Bray entertained a motion to call the meeting to an end at 7:25PM and Mrs. Mitchell seconded the motion and the meeting came to an end.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Bray, Chair