

LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

AUGUST 25, 2026

EAC MEETING MINUTES

Present: Jim Bray, Chair; Alan Dresser, Vice-Chair; Cheryl Coffee; Soumya Dharmavaram; Carla Kimmel-Smith; Dominique Mitchell; Eleanor Turner {Virtual}; Paul Roden

Review/Approval of July 28, 2026 EAC Minutes - The August 25, 2026 EAC meeting was called to order at 7:04PM. July Minutes were unanimously approved.

EAC/Birdtown PA Lecture Series for 2026 – October 3 will bring a fascinating lecture to the LMT Administration Building called “What’s the Buzz”, at 10AM. We are also working on a collaboration with Yardley Borough for October 10, which is World Migratory Bird Day.

EAC Awards Applications – Mr. Bray will check the parameters. We think our Tree Bank Ord would be a great candidate for the PA Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence.

LMT Tree Plantings – Mr. Bray reported that the proposed Fall 2026 Tree planting of 174 trees has been forwarded to LMT Mgt. After BOS approval the Plan will be sent out for bids. There were some issues with incorrect plantings in the 2026 Spring Tree Planting. The EAC will investigate and propose new locations for those trees. The EAC will also investigate the possibility of planting an allee of trees on the Heacock Rd. side of the Masonic Hall in the Spring 2027 Planting. Mr. Bray indicated that we have 200 reserve trees that we can plant at township approved locations. Ms. Coffee suggested planting trees at the LMT Parking Lot on side bordering the Edgewood school.

Heritage Tree Ordinance – On August 19, 2026 the BOS approved the 4 Heritage Trees/Forest proposed by the EAC. Next step is for the Twp. to create a Resolution memorializing that decision.

LMT Tree Squad – Ms. Kimmel-Smith noted that there was another Tree Checking event and that 8 people had signed up. Mr. Bray requested that the Tree Squad prepare a final Dead Tree Inventory of the 2025 Fall planting. That info will be forwarded to Twp. Mgt. for warranty purposes. Also, the Tree Squad was requested to monitor the Fall 2026 Tree Planting to monitor adherence to planting standards. Ms. Kimmel-Smith agreed to undertake this project.

EAC Survey – Ms. Turner created a survey re: what new EAC projects would be beneficial to the residents of LMT – Mr. Bray will discuss with Ms. Turner and a draft survey should be available for approval at the next EAC Mtg.

Land Use Reviews – There was a discussion about the Farms Edge but no decisions were made.

SR 332/Stony Hill Rd/Edgewood Village Master Plan Steering Committee – Ms. Mitchell attended the Visions Workshop at the Community Center held July 29th and 30th. The purpose of the workshop was to get public input on the LMT Master Plan. The next steering committee meeting will be held on Sept. 10th.

Proposed Single Use Plastics Ban Update – There will possibly be a presentation on this project on October 7 at the BOS meeting.

Strategic Planning – Ms. Turner, Ms. Coffee and Ms. Dharmavaram are in the process of planning a meeting with Mr. Amineni to discuss his report on sustainability.

Snipes Meadow Creation – Mr. Bray reported on his meeting with D.Kratzer and D.Fuller to discuss possibility of turning the front 2 acres of the Snipes Tract into a wildflower meadow. All were in agreement that the project was worthwhile and will commence this Fall.

Odds and Ends – Mr. Bray and Twp. Mgr. D. Kratzer discussed a need for a Data Center Ordinance in LMT. D. Ktazer indicated he is preparing an Ordinance for the BOS based on a sample ordinance sent to him by the EAC.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Bray called the meeting to an end at 8:05. The next EAC meeting will be held on September 22.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, EAC Chairman