

**Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

June 23, 2026 Meeting

Present: James Bray, Chair; Alan Dresser, Vice Chair (Virtual); Cheryl Coffee; Soumya Dharmavaram (Virtual); Carla Kimmel-Smith; Dominique Mitchell; Eleanor Turner

Also in attendance were Shaun Barnes of Falls Township and Neel Amineni, a Pennsbury High School student who was presenting work he had done on various sustainability Projects.

Mr. Bray opened the meeting at 7PM. He asked for any comments on both the April 28, 2026 and the May 28, 2026 minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as written.

EAC Lecture Series for 2026 - One program has been confirmed for the Fall, called "What's the Buzz." This lecture on pollinators will be presented by Mike Weilbacher. In addition, October 10 is Migratory Bird Day! Plans are being made to celebrate it in a big way.

EAC May 2026 Lecture Recap – Ms. Turner spoke about her very successful lecture on Fast Fashion. In addition, there was an educational and interesting lecture given by Juanita Hummel, a well-known and respected bird expert. The lecture, called "Mother Birds" was appropriately held on Mother's Day.

EAC Awards Applications – Mr. Bray indicated that we would be submitting an EAC Project for the Governor's Excellence award in September.

LMT Tree Planting – The spring planting of 159 trees is completed. Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser will start working on drafting the Fall 2026 tree planting plan in July.

Heritage Tree Ordinance – Ms. Coffee and Mr. Bray are hoping to present the trees they are nominating under the Heritage Tree Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors at the July 15 meeting.

LMT Tree Squad – Ms. Kimmel-Smith spoke about her attendance at a meeting in Philadelphia. This summer the Tree Squad will be tagging and checking the health of the trees planted in the spring of 2026. She picked July 18th and 25th as the first days for tree checking events.

Strategic Planning – Ms. Coffee, Ms. Turner and Ms. Dharmavaram are in the process of planning a meeting. Ms. Coffee will invite Neel Amineni to the meeting to discuss his report on sustainability projects for LMT.

Land Use Reviews – Mr. Dresser reported that sketch plans for Matte Black in Edgewood Village and Beth El properties have been submitted. A revised plan for the Farm's Edge at Shadybrook's access road was also submitted.

SR332/Stony Hill Rd./Edgewood Village Master Plan Steering Committee – There has not been another Steering Committee meeting. Mr. Dresser said there will be a Visioning Workshop on Wednesday, July 29 and Thursday, July 30, 2026, from 6 – 9 pm at the Lower Makefield Township Community Center. Stakeholders (property owners, business, etc.) have been invited.

SUPB Update – As soon as Ms. Mitchell can confirm some availability dates with Penn Environment, we will try to set up a date of an informational presentation on a plastic bag ban to the BOS.

Data Centers – After a discussion with Twp. Mgr. D. Kratzer, Mr. Bray believes the Twp. will be moving forward to address the Data Center Issue. We indicated that the EAC will be willing to lend any of its expertise if needed.

EAC Newsletter -Mr. Roden was not in attendance to discuss newsletter mailings.

Odds and Ends –Ms. Coffee asked about the possibility of planting native plants along the Nature Trail behind the Library.

With no more business to discuss, Mr. Bray called the meeting to an end.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Bray, Chair