

Lower Makefield Township

EAC Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2026

Present: Jim Bray, Chair; Alan Dresser, Co-Chair (Virtual); Cheryl Coffee; Carla Kimmel-Smith'; Eleanor Turner

Mr. Bray called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

Review/Approval of June 23, 2026 EAC minutes – Mr. Bray asked for questions or comments on the June 23 minutes and, hearing none, the minutes were approved.

EAC Birdtown PA Lecture Series for 2026 – On October 3, the LMT Bird Town PA will be sponsoring a lecture on pollinators called “What’s the Buzz. This will be given by Mike Weilbacher, a naturalist and environmental educator with 40 years of experience. We have been fortunate to have Mr. Weilbacher here for several other lectures and they are always educational and entertaining.

EAC Awards Applications – In September 2026 Mr. Bray will submit an application for LMT’s Tree Bank Ordinance for the Governor’s environmental Award.

LMT Tree Planting – The Spring planting of 162 trees is completed. There were some issues of incorrect plantings at Memorial Park that will be remedied. The EAC Fall planting plan for 177 trees is completed and sent to Township Management to let out bids.

Heritage Tree Ordinance – The goal is to present four Heritage Tree Nominations for BOS approval at their August 5 meeting.

LMT Tree Squad – Ms. Kimmel-Smith reported on the two events recently completed by the LMT Tree Squad. On July 1-5, 142 trees of the Fall 2025 Planting were tagged and on July 25-26 a tree health assessment study was undertaken on the same group of trees.

Strategic Planning – Ms. Turner, Ms. Coffee and Ms. Dharmavaram are in the process of planning a meeting to which Mr. Amineni will be invited to discuss his report on sustainability. Ms. Turner noted that she had crafted a community survey related to strategic planning. Mr. Bray suggested that everyone would get a copy and it could be discussed at the next meeting.

Land Use Reviews – Mr. Dresser reported that two comment letters were sent out. One was for the Sutphin Road Subdivision dated July 15th. The other was for the Farm’s Edge at Shady Brook access road dated July 17th. Its latest plans had a reduced wetlands/wetlands buffer area at Shady Brook that will have to be explained.

SR332/Stony Hill Road/Edgewood Village Master Plan – Mr. Dresser reported that there will be evening workshops at the Community Center on July 29 and 30th to get public comments on the issue. The EAC will be sending out its response to the Township Committee Questionnaire next week.

Proposed Single Use Plastics Ban Update – Mrs. Mitchell reported that Farron Savitz from Penn Environment would be available to present on this topic on August 19 or September 2.

Odds and Ends –

--- A discussion ensued about the desirability of LMT formulating some type of regulatory ordinance concerning Data Centers.

--- Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser discussed that this might be the right time to send out letters to property owners who may be interested in conserving or selling their property to be used as open space.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was called to an end at 7:50.

Respectfully Submitted

James J. Bray, Chairman