LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 10, 2023 MEETING

PRESENT: Alan Dresser, Chair; Jim Bray; Soumya Dharmavaram; Kevin Gallen; Paul Roden; Linda Salvati. Also in attendance were Dan Grenier, Jim Majewski and Thomas Comitta of Thomas Comitta Asso.

Mr. Dresser called the meeting to order at 6PM. The first order of business was review and approval of September 14th EAC meeting minutes. Mr. Bray moved to accept the minutes as written, Mr. Roden seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

Recommendation for a Certified LMT Arborist - Mr. Bray introduced the topic of the need to hire a full-time arborist to take care of the trees in LMT. He explained that he needed approval from the EAC to forward the letter to Mr. Kratzer for review. After receiving input from the Twp. Manager the letter will then be sent to the Supervisors. All voted in favor.

New Long-Range Tree Planting Plan - Mr. Comitta is a Landscape Architect who has been hired by the Township to develop a new long-range tree planting project for the Township. He spoke at length about the project. He visited most of our parks on August 18. At the next EAC meeting on Nov. 9 he will discuss his draft plan for possible locations for planting trees and what types of species are appropriate. The EAC will give feedback at the meeting.

Recycling

Fall Event – The Styrofoam plus recycling event scheduled for October 28 is on target and we will get some help from the Lions Club.

Mr. Gallen reported that the Pennsbury School District Sustainability Committee is making progress. The schools will provide a report on their progress every year. He also noted that nine of the schools have green teams.

LMT and Yardley Borough are holding a joint Electronics Recycling Event on November 11 in the parking lot next to the LMT pool.

Land Use –

* 1566 LLC – The plan has been approved by the Supervisors on Oct 4.
* Torbert Farm – The review has been extended to December 31.
* The Point at Edgewood Village – A revised preliminary plan has been submitted, the EAC will be sending a comment letter dated Oct. 12, 2023
* 1511 Lindenhurst - a new proposal that will subdivide an existing 4.5 acres lot into two and add one new house. An EAC Oct 12th comment letter was approved.

Environmental Stewardship Award – There was discussion of a possible 2023 nominee but nothing was decided. There was a discussion of possible tree related groups the Township could join such as Tree City USA.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Dresser adjourned the meeting at 7:15PM. The next EAC meeting will be held on November 9, 2023. .

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chair