Lower Makefield Township

Environmental Advisory Council

August 10, 2023 Meeting

Present: Alan Dresser, Co-Chair; James Bray; Matthew Farrell, Co-Chair; Kevin Gallen; Soumya Dharmavaram

Mr. Dresser called the meeting to order at 6PM. The first order of business was review of the June 8 EAC minutes and the July 13, 2023 minutes. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve both sets of minutes and Mrs. Dharmavaram seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

 **Fall Tree Plantings and 2024 Long Range Tree Planting Plan Update –** Mr. Bray reported that the Township sent out a request for two bids; one for a new Township long-range tree plan for 2024 and beyond, and the second for planting 162 trees to be planted this Fall at Memorial Park, Caiola Fields and Fred Allen Fields. Both actions were suggested by the EAC.

**Recycling** –

Fall Recycling Event – Mr. Dresser reported on the next recycling event, scheduled for October 28. The event will be publicized in September in the EAC September newsletter and by the distribution of flyers.

Recycling in LMT Schools – There was no new information on the Pennsbury School District’s Sustainability Committee. Mr. Dresser will remove the item from the agenda until there is some activity.

EAC’s 2023 Recycling Guide – Mr. Dresser requested that the Guide be updated by October 28 so we can hand out copies at the recycling event.

**Proposed LMT Ordinance Revisions Update** – The 25% open space proposal in the Zoning ordinance was approved for properties of 10 acres or more. The number of houses that can be built on a give property will remain approximately the same according to the Township. The accompanying changes to the SALDO ordinance still need to be approved.

**Land Use Plans** –

The Point/Troilo Edgewood Village – Will be discussed at the Planning Comm. meeting next week.

1566 LLC Subdivision - Township review extended to September 30

Torbert Farm – Township review extended to October 1st

Grey Nuns – The 89 acre property was sold on July 24, 2023 to an unidentified buyer

**EAC Letter Suggestion Re: Flooding** – There was a discussion sending the Township a letter on possible recommendations to the Township to reduce future flooding. These included expanding basin naturalization, impervious surface reduction, changes to the stormwater ordinances, and all other issues related to stormwater management.

Mr. Farrell will take the lead on this project, while Mr. Dresser will write the portion of the letter on stormwater management ordinance changes and Mr. Bray will take the lead on basin naturalization.

**Newsletter** – Mr. Farrell will take the lead on the EAC newsletter. He introduced a new format.

**EAC Webpage Update Project** – Mrs. Dharmavaram will move forward on the EAC Webpage project.

**Odds and Ends** –

 Bird Town PA Program – Mr. Dresser provided a write-up on Bird Town for the EAC newsletter, as well as the EAC webpage.

Macclesfield Park Steering Committee Update – Mr. Farrell said there’s notthing new on the Committee.

Patterson Farm/Ad Hoc Property Committee – Mr. Gallen reported that there will be a second public forum in September and that they are moving on schedule.

**Open Discussion –**

Mr. Gallen raised the question of volunteers for the August Community Day in LMT. He hopes to be able to recruit some volunteers but so far has not had any luck.

With no more business to discuss, Mr. Dresser asked for a call to adjourn. Mr. Bray called for the meeting to adjourn, Mr. Gallen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Co-Chair