LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 MINUTES

PRESENT: Alan Dresser, Chairman; Jim Bray; Kevin Gallen; Soumya Dharmavaram

Also in attendance were Jim Majewski, LMT Community Development Director, and Arborist, Tom Comitta

Mr. Dresser called the 6PM hybrid meeting to order. The first order of business was review and approval of the October 12 minutes. Mr. Bray moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Dresser seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

There was discussion of the current tree plantings around Caiola and Fred Allen fields and Memorial Park. These plantings will finish the 2016 Master Tree Plan plantings. It was suggested that the planting would be finished by the beginning of the week of November 13.

Tom Comitta of Tom Comitta and Asso. - New 2024 Long-Range Tree Planting Plan. Mr. Comitta walked the members through the first draft of portions of the new LMT tree planting plan. The EAC suggested several changes that will be incorporated in the portions of the plan that were reviewed. Time did not permit a thorough presentation of the Plan by Comitta Associates. Mr. Bray requested that the EAC be given a schematic once the plan is completed.

Mr. Dresser suggested that the preliminary 2024 Plan be sent to the EAC at least week before the next EAC meeting on 12-14-23 so we can review the plan prior to the meeting. This will allow the EAC members to cover more info and make recommendations during the meeting.

Recycling – The next Styrofoam Plus recycling event is tentatively scheduled for January 20.

Land Use Plans – Breezyvale Farm, which is 50 acres and part of the Wright Farm, is for sale. Nothing new on Torbert Farm or 1511 Lindenhurst.

Nominations for LMT’s 2023 Environmental Stewardship Award – Mr. Bray expects to have a nominee before the December EAC meeting.

EAC Newsletter – It was suggested that the EAC might send out the next EAC newsletter in January.

Bird Town PA Program Reactivation – Ms. Bray, with the support of the EAC, has reached out to the new Leader of BirdTown PA as well as other local BirdTowns in order to revitalize the LMT BirdTown Program. As an initial step a copy of the new BirdTown resolution will be sent to the LMT BOS for their signature. This is merely a procedural step as BirdTown is the same as before; the resolution just recognizes the new leadership. Ms. Bray is also in the process of enlisting new members and has also come up with a list of tentative projects.

Odds and Ends –

Mrs. Dharmavaram spoke positively about an environmental lecture she recently attended.

Mr. Gallen said that the Patterson Farm Master Plan Update is moving forward. He will keep us up to date.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Dresser called to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The next meeting will be hybrid and will be held on December 14 at 6PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chairman