

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
January 11, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Present: EAC

Jim Bray, Chairman
Alan Dresser, Vice Chairman
Laura Brandt, Alternate Member
Gail Stringer, Member
Joe Sundeen, Member

Others:

Mark Bortman, Paul Roden

Absent:

Jeff Benedetto, BOS Liaison; Rick Ewing, Member; Geoff Goll, Member

Approval of December 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes – The December 14, 2011 EAC minutes were unanimously approved, as amended.

Election of New Chairman and Vice Chairman – A motion was made to elect Mr. Bray Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Council; the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made to elect Mr. Dresser Vice Chairman; the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bray thanked Mr. Dresser for his service as Chairman during 2011, particularly his work on land use reviews.

Open Space/Ragan Property – There is a meeting scheduled for January 17, 2012, with representatives of the Ragan property, Mr. Bray, Mr. Dresser and Mr. Fedorchak, to discuss the details of the purchase of the Ragan property. Once this purchase is completed, the EAC will recommend additional properties to the Township.

Cool Cities – Mrs. Stringer scheduled a meeting for January 14, 2012, at 2:00PM, with members of the original Cool Cities committees, to discuss next steps. Mrs. Stringer also informed the EAC of a Friday, January 13, meeting to discuss ways to support local food production County-wide. She suggested there may be ways that this project, and the 2012 Cool Cities Buy Local, Buy Green project, can work together. She and Mr. Bray will attend the Friday meeting.

Environmental Steward Award to Makefield Garden/BOS Presentation – The \$500 for this award was not included in the EAC budget. Mr. Bray will draft an appeal to the Board of Supervisors asking that they reconsider.

Audubon BirdTown USA Update – Mrs. Brandt gave an overview of the program. She displayed the plaque that will be hung in the Township building; she will give it to Mr. Fedorchak this week. There was discussion of the best locations for the 5 signs that will be posted around the Township. Mrs. Brandt will be trained this month by Audubon.

Bowman's Hill Land Ethics Symposium on February 16th – After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Bray and Mrs. Stringer will attend this full-day, annual event.

Land Reviews – Aria Hospital – Mr. Dresser sent EAC’s comments to Aria on January 4th. They have incorporated a number of EAC’s recommendations. Aria will be at the January 17th meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board.

Freemans Farm – The EAC has the 4th revision of this plan; Mr. Dresser asked for comments from the EAC by January 20th. He said that, thus far, the engineers on this project have ignored all EAC comments.

Grace Point – No substantive changes since last EAC meeting.

Odds and Ends - Siemens Sustainable Community Award - The decision was made to bypass this award program.

Grey Nun Academy – Mr. Bray, Mr. Sundeen and Mrs. Stringer will participate as judges at the February 23 Environmental Problem Solving Unit Contest. Mr. Bray will forward copies of the Problem to Mr. Sundeen and Mrs. Stringer.

2011 Year End Summary – Mr. Bray will have it completed before the end of the month.

EAC Membership – Mr. Dresser and Mr. Bray spoke to Mr. Fedorchak about the appointment of Paul Roden and Mark Bortman to the EAC. Mr. Fedorchak wants to submit both appointees to the Board of Supervisors at the same time; first, it must be determined if Mr. Ewing intends to stay on the Council. Mr. Bray will contact him.

Yardley Voice – Mrs. Stringer sent an article on Cool Cities to the Yardley Voice for publication. Mr. Bray will send the EAC Year End Review when it is completed. Mrs. Bray is drafting an article on recycling with the hope that Yardley Voice will publish it.

Basin Project – Mr. Bray and Hank Hoffmeister will go out next week to choose more basins for the program.

Recycling in LMT – Mr. Bray gave Mr. Dresser a copy of an article in the Courier about recycling in Bucks County. LMT was 6th in money earned from recycling.

Lecture Series – Mr. Bray asked Mr. Roden if he would take responsibility for coordinating the EAC lecture series. He agreed and Mr. Sundeen offered to help.

With no further business to discuss, the January 11, 2012 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 9:00PM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, Chairman

