

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
May 8, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Those Present: Jim Bray, Chairman
Alan Dresser, Vice Chairman
Mark Bortman, Member
Dobby Dobson, Supervisor Liaison
Paul Roden, Member
Joe Sundeen, Member

Also in attendance were Meghan Rogalus of Bucks County Conservation District, Mark Gallagher of Princeton Hydro, and Mary Ellen Saylor, of Boucher and James, LMT Engineers.

Approval of April 10, 2013 EAC Meeting Minutes – The April 10, 2013 EAC meeting minutes were approved as written.

Basin Retrofit Presentation – Mr. Gallagher and Ms. Rogalus gave a presentation on the program to retrofit four basins in the Northern part of the Township. Some aspects of the plan they provided were:

- The basins will most likely be mowed once a year.
- Mr. Gallagher will follow up to make sure there is deer protection fencing around any new trees.
- If impervious surface can be removed, it will be.
- Mr. Gallagher is going to check the outfall on the second basin.
- There is a huge grading difference from top to bottom in the Heather Ridge basin.
- There is a maintenance plan in place now.
- All basins will be tilled.
- The plan will be put out for bid.
- It is hoped that work can begin in the Fall; once the shovel is in the ground, each basin should take less than a week to complete.

Pervious Pavement Ordinance Update – Mr. Dresser reported that he and Mr. Bray have compiled responses to all nine of the Planning Commission's concerns and are ready to present them at a PC meeting. Mr. Bray will talk to the Chairman, Mr. Bush, about getting on the agenda for the first meeting in June. Mr. Dresser will send out some material to the Planning Commission ahead of the meeting.

Cool Cities Buy Local Project Update – In Mrs. Stringer's absence, Mrs. Bray reported that the Economic Development Commission is discussing the idea of surveying local businesses. This discussion has only just begun, but, since the Buy Local project would also include surveying local businesses, it would seem to be a good idea to coordinate between the two groups. Mrs. Bray will keep the EAC apprised of any movement by the EDC on their survey.

Open Space Update –

LMT River Property – At their next meeting with Mr. Fedorchak, Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser will get his thoughts regarding the several options suggested by the EAC in their recent analysis letter on that subject. Mr. Dobson asked about using open space money for a building project, such as a recreation center, which is being done in another municipality. Mr. Bray said that only works in communities that don't have open space to purchase. Mr. Dobson feels that the LMT Board is not in favor of borrowing money for open space at this time. In response to a question from Mr. Bortman, there was discussion about using the open space money for easements.

Environmental Lecture Series 2013 - Mr. Bray said that he, Kris Kern, and Jeff Marshall could not agree on a date or location for a Spring Open Space presentation; it will be scheduled in the Fall.

Penn Future Solar Ordinance Grant for LMT – Mr. Bortman reported that there is still no word from Penn Future about the grant. He feels that there is nothing special about the permitting process for solar, and that the electrical and building codes cover what would be needed. Mr. Bray suggested that we may need a more sophisticated ordinance when solar becomes more mainstream.

Recycling Update – Mr. Dresser reported that he talked to Donna Liney about the upcoming soccer tournament. She said she had talked to the organizers, who assured her that everything was in place for recycling. Mr. Dresser will visit the fields over the weekend. He will also confirm with Ms. Liney that recycling is in place for the upcoming softball tournaments.

Mr. Fedorchak had suggested, in his last meeting with Mr. Dresser and Mr. Bray, that they do recycling enforcement again. Mr. Fedorchak has since approved a letter drafted by Mr. Dresser, which will be distributed to office buildings in LMT. Mr. Dresser explained that enforcement is one of the things LMT must do to avoid having the 904 grant money used for recycling education rather than being used by the Town for other purposes.

Mr. Dresser reported that Bucks County has decided to have its electronics recycling event at Lower Makefield Corporate Center the week before LMT's scheduled electronics recycling with Leck. Mr. Bray will call Tina Leck to discuss rescheduling.

Mr. and Mrs. Bray spoke about the composting and recycling presentations they did with six classes at Cambridge School, in New Jersey.

Open Discussion – Mr. Roden introduced, and recommended, Climate solutions for a Stronger America, a webinar.

Mr. Bray reported that Upper Makefield has a tree reimbursement program. Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser will talk to Mr. Fedorchak, in their next meeting, about introducing something similar to Lower Makefield.

It was suggested that it is time to start thinking about this year's Environmental Stewardship Award. Mr. Roden will advertise for nominees in the next issue of the newsletter.

Mr. Bortman suggested we follow up with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, to find out if they are having a conference for all EACs this year.

With no further business to discuss, the May 8, 2013 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 9:00PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on June 12, 2013, at 7:00PM, at the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, Chairman