

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council

April 17, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Barbara Baus, Co-Chair, Jim Bray, Soumya Dharmavaram, Alan Dresser, Co-Chair, Lisa Kamp, Paul Roden, Linda Salvati

Also in attendance were Mark Bortman, Lisa and George Baxter and Lee Pedowicz

Mr. Dresser called the April 17, 2019 meeting of the EAC to order at 7:30PM.

Approval of March 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved unanimously, as written.

May 4th Eelectronics Recycling Event Planning – Mark Bortman, who is coordinating this event for the EAC, was in attendance to give an update. He reported that, so far, only Yardley Borough and Upper Makefield Township are participating with LMT. He will be reaching out to other municipalities. The date is May 4 from 9-12; cars will enter through William Penn Middle School parking lot. All plug-in electronics are accepted and the only charge, \$30, is for televisions with tubes.

Climate Change – Mr. Wells, who was scheduled to speak to the group on HR 763 Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividends Act, was unable to make the meeting and will attend the May meeting.

Elcon – Mr. Dresser indicated, regarding the comment letter on Elcon which had been sent to all EAC members in February, that the only response he received was from Mr. Solor. Mr. Solor's suggestion was that we should not worry too much about truck accidents when trains might pose just as much of a danger. After discussion, Mr. Dresser decided to tone down Mr. Solo's statement a little and include it with the summary. Mr. Dresser also added a couple of comments regarding the air quality plan. A vote was taken, and passed, to send the revised summary to Mr. Ferguson and Mrs. Blundi. He will ask Mr. Ferguson if it can be sent to Elcon.

Long Range Tree Planting Plan – Ms. Salvati suggested that the best planting time for the trees would be late September/early October. She and Mr. Bray will visit Caiola Field and Patterson Farm to evaluate existing trees to determine appropriate species to plant. Mr. Ferguson indicated that the project should go out to bid. Mr. Bray has found someone who is willing to chair a Tree Tenders group in LMT. Mrs. Dharmavaram reported that she had attended Tree Tenders Class.

EAC Initiated Tree Ordinance Changes –

Land Use Plans –

Dobry Road – Erin Development is taking their preliminary plan back to the drawing board. The problem is too much impervious surface.

Capstone – Will be going before the Zoning Board to ask for a special exception.

LMT Corporate Center – After reviewing the plan, Mr. Dresser concluded that the owners, who hope to sell the property, are suggesting changes that enhance the look of the property and will reduce impervious surface.

Scheduled Meeting Time and Membership – After discussion, it was agreed that start-time for future EAC meetings will be 7:30pm. Lisa Kamp will be leaving the EAC but will attend meetings when she can.

Plastic Bag Use Reduction – Mrs. Bray reported that Laura Brandt, a former EAC member, had designed a flyer that will be used to publicize a campaign to educate residents on the importance of eliminating the use of single-use plastic bags. Reusable bags will be ordered for future use in the campaign. Mrs. Bray will write a blurb on plastic bags and send to Mr. Roden for the newsletter.

Lecture Series – There was discussion of some possible topics but nothing was decided.

LMT Sustainability Action Plan 2011 – Mr. Bray talked about Cool Cities, a national sustainability program that LMT signed on to. Work was done over a number of years and the project was wrapped up. However, there is some question about whether it was signed off by the Township. Mrs. Dharmavaram said she will take up the Sustainability issue when more is known about the resolution of Cool Cities.

Newsletter – Mr. Roden will include the following topics in the upcoming newsletter: Elcon; Plastic Bags; E-Waste Recycling Event; and Electrical Safety. After discussion, it was agreed that the current server we are using for the newsletter has limitations and that it might be worthwhile to explore other options.

Odds and Ends – the following events were mentioned: Earth Day table at Core Creek Park on April 27 from 11-2; Land Conservation/EAC Conference on May 18; and LMT Community Day on September 1st.

With no further business to discuss, the April 2019 meeting of the EAC was adjourned at 9:00pm. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on May 8, 2019, at 7:30pm, in the LMT Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Co-Chairman