

**Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

December 1, 2022 Meeting

Present: Alan Dresser, Chair; Linda Salvati, Co-Chair; Suzanne Blundi, BOS Liaison; James Bray; Soumya Dharmavaram; Matt Farrell; Kevin Gallen; Paul Roden

Mr. Dresser called the Environmental Advisory Council December meeting to order at 6pm. The first order of business was review and approval of the November 3 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Bray moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Roden seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously, as written. Mr. Dresser will forward the approved minutes to the Township.

Recycling:

Political Sign and Halloween Candy Wrapper Recycling – The EAC undertook a limited effort to recycle plastic political signs and their metal poles. It was quite successful; therefore, the effort will be expanded for this year's primary on May 16th and the general election on November 7th. The Halloween candy wrapper collection was also successful.

Winter Recycling Event – It was determined that the date of the next EAC styrofoam/corks/batteries/pill bottles event will be January 14th at 10am. Mr. Roden will include the flyer in the next EAC newsletter that will be sent out in December.

Recycling in LMT Parks, Carry In/Carry Out Concept – Ms. Salvati indicated that the Carry In/Carry Out concept must go before the Park and Recreation Board before it is presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Recycling in LMT Schools – There has not been a second meeting of this group.

Zoning Ordinance Revision to Require Open Space – The proposed ordinance would require a residential development to set aside 25 % of the site for open space. EAC submitted comments on the revision in a November 10th letter to the Township. Mr. Majewski presented the open space plan to the Planning Commission at their November 14 meeting. The PC also had questions and comments. Mr. Majewski will revise the proposed ordinance based on the EAC and PC comments.

Landscape and Invasives Species Ordinance Revision – There is nothing new on this.

Tree Planting 2023:

Patterson Farm/Mirror Lake Road Planting - Mr. Bray suggested that Spring is the best time for planting. He also suggested another tree beside the Red Maple that should be considered. There is a Sugar Maple variety called Commemorative that has spectacular Fall color and will be a good substitute for the familiar Red Maple. He feels that a good time to begin discussing the trees is

late winter. Ms. Blundi suggested that the EAC should rank the sites on the 2016 Long Range Tree Planting plan for consideration as next year's plantings.

Lions Club Volunteers - The Lions Club contacted the EAC to let us know they are interested in volunteering to help with EAC sponsored projects. Among the possibilities, they could be quite helpful in planting and watering the new tree plantings scheduled for 2023.

Environmental Stewardship Award – Mr. Bray spoke to the Chairman of the Friends of the Delaware Canal to tell him that the Friends of the Canal will be receiving the 2022 EAC award. The award will be presented to the group at one of the Board meetings in February.

EAC Lecture - Mrs. Dharmavaram indicated that there is nothing new.

Ad Hoc Property Committee – Mr. Gallen participated in a meeting in November and reported that they will be putting out a proposal to consultants to develop a plan to implement the Patterson Farm Master Plan. The committee would like input from the EAC on land use.

2022 Year End Review – Mr. Dresser will begin work on this project.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Dresser moved to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Next EAC Meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2023, 6-7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Co-Chair