

Lower Makefield Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
November 3, 2022 Meeting

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

Also in attendance were Monica Tierney, Director of LMT Parks and Recreation and James Majewski, Zoning Director.

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

**Recycling** – Ms. Tierney was in attendance to discuss several aspects of the LMT recycling program:

**Rain Barrels** – Ms. Tierney had been talking to a company called Rain Barrel Solutions and is very interested in what they have to offer. The company would provide the rain barrels, dropping them off on pallets. The rain barrels would be sold to LMT residents. Mr. Bray suggested that they should limit each household to one barrel. Rain Barrel Solutions would help with the startup. It was agreed that education is key to the success of this program. Mrs. Dharmavaram will provide assistance to Ms. Tierney on the education piece, and Penn State Co-op Extension will also provide help. There would be a 5 month lead time. It was suggested that this could help with LMT's MS4 requirements. Ms. Tierney would like to present this plan to the Board of Supervisors and asked for the support of the EAC. Ms. Salvati called for a vote. Mr. Bray moved to present the plan to the BOS, Mr. Dresser seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Recycling in LMT Parks, Carry In/Carry Out Concept** – Ms. Tierney spoke about the concerns she had initially with the idea of introducing carry in/carry out to LMT's parks. However, after talking to other municipalities and doing other research, she and her staff are now on board with this approach and think it is an excellent idea, especially with respect to saving mtce. hours. Her idea would be to start in January to educate the public, to have 36 waste stations in the Spring, and to collect data in August. Eventually, she would like every LMT park to be carry in / carry out. There was a discussion of the need for signage in every park. Ms. Tierney will look into that. She asked for EAC support. Mr. Bray moved to vote in favor of presenting the plan to the BOS and Mr. Roden seconded it. Mr. Gallen abstained because he hadn't read the plan. The motion passed with one abstention.

Next Recycling Event – The next Styrofoam, battery, etc. recycling event is tentatively scheduled for January 7, 2023 at the Township Building.

Collection of Halloween Candy Wrappers - Mr. Farrell reported that there is a box for the candy wrappers in the Community Center and one in the Township Building

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

Single-Use Plastic Bags – There is nothing new on the letter regarding this matter.

**Open Space - Clustering** – Mr. Majewski had drafted a change to the Zoning ordinance. It will require that 25 percent of a proposed residential developments land would be designated open space in areas zoned R-RP, R-1, R-2, or R-3. He gave a power point presentation describing the proposed ordinance and gave examples of how it would have changed developments in the past. He send the EAC a copy of the proposed ordinance and asked the EAC members to comment on it.

**Tree Planting Fall 2022** – The Kids Kingdom tree planting was completed on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Memorial Arboretum Tree Planting** - Two trees that had died were recently replaced by Fernbrook Nursery. Mr. Bray and Parks and Rec. assisted in this project.

**Maple Row at Patterson Farms** – This project, along Mirror Lake Rd., was approved by the BOS at their Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. It has not yet been decided if the planting of approx. 30 trees will take place this year or next spring. The EAC has stated it will supply any expertise it may have to help move this project forward.

**Land Use Plans** – There is no update on this.

**Environmental Stewardship Award** – After a brief presentation Mr. Bray made a motion that the Friends of the Delaware Canal receive the award for 2022. Mr. Roden seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Silvati moved to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7pm. The date of the next meeting is December 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Salvati, Chair