

Township of Lower Makefield  
Environmental Advisory Council  
April 13, 2011  
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the LMT municipal building on Wednesday, April 13, 2011. Chairman Dresser called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

Environmental Advisory Council:        Alan Dresser, Chairman  
   Jim Bray, Vice Chairman  
   Laura Brandt, Member  
   Geoff Goll, Member  
   Gail Stringer, Member  
   Joseph Sundeen, Member

Others:    Matt Maloney, Supervisor Liaison; Steve Saffier, Audubon Soc.,  
   Paul Roden, Sean Ragan, and Steven Smith, Residents

Absent:    Rick Ewing, Member

**Approval of the March 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes** – The March 9, 2011 EAC meeting minutes were approved unanimously, with changes.

**Birdtown USA** – Mr. Saffier, of the Audubon Society, updated the Council on some changes to the Birdtown program. There is now a \$450/year model, in addition to the \$850/year model. Under the \$850/year model, municipalities will have Birdtown staff available to help, while there will be for-fee workshops offered for municipalities which choose the \$450/year model. Mr. Saffier noted that it would be necessary to have someone from the municipality dedicated to coordinating the program; the Council agreed that the contact should be a member of the EAC. The cost of the program would be paid from the EAC budget, or through fundraisers. A follow up on this topic will be on the May EAC agenda.

**Open Space** – Mr. Ragan was in attendance to follow up on a conversation he had had with Mr. Bray and Mr. Goll on preserving his family property as part of the LMT Open Space Program. Mr. Bray reported that he and Mr. Goll will soon be meeting with the Board of Supervisors during their Executive Session, to present the EAC recommendations on Open Space. They will recommend that the Board move forward on the purchase of some of the properties on the list as this is a prime time to get bargains; he said that Mr. Ragan's property will be one they will recommend. It was suggested that Mr. Ragan attend a BOS meeting to present his case in public comment.

**Neshaminy and Del. South Stormwater Ordinances** – Mr. Dresser said the EAC was successful in getting revisions to these ordinances, which will limit the amount of stormwater that will leave new developments. He presented written EAC comments to the Planning Commission at a recent meeting; the Planning Commission agreed with the comments. Mr. Goll had some suggestions on changes to the ordinance. Mr. Maloney said Mr. Goll's suggested revisions could be presented to the BOS in the form

of a letter to be attached to the ordinances. The BOS can then decide if they want the revisions to be made. The ordinances must be adopted at the May 4 BOS meeting; therefore, the EAC will request Board approval to advertise the ordinances at the April 20 BOS meeting, after getting Mr. Truelove's approval. Mr. Goll will also get feedback from Mr. Majewski on the revisions letter.

**Cool Cities Sustainability Plan** – Mrs. Stringer has incorporated all comments into the draft and has begun the process of finding five priority items that can be implemented without any cost. Mr. Bray suggested that he and Mrs. Stringer do a final edit, and present the plan to the Council at the next meeting.

**2011 Environmental Lecture Series** – Mr. Sundeen reported that Mr. Smith has agreed to do a presentation on geothermal in LMT on May 14; Mr. Sundeen will determine the time and location and will coordinate with Mr. Kelliher on televising the presentation.

**Recycling Update** – Mr. Dresser reported that the Township has a new contract with Waste Management for \$35/ton. He presented the Township's current list of recyclables/non-recyclables for the Council's review and input. Ms. Bray will follow up on questions raised during the discussion. Mr. Dresser mentioned that the Mother's Day soccer tournament is coming up and he will be contacting the Parks and Recreation Department regarding their plans for providing recycling opportunities in the park.

#### **Land Reviews** –

**Dogwood Drive Revised Application** – The only significant difference between the revised , and the original, application, was that the driveway will be straightened. Mr. Dresser will provide comments on the review regarding the infiltration basin.

**Aria Hospital** – Aria has submitted an application. Mr. Maloney will ask Mr. Truelove for more information on the Aria application, and will report back to the EAC.

**Regency** – Mr. Goll mentioned that there was no action taken from the initial issue letter from the EAC to the Regency developers. He has put together a complete list of the issues that were not addressed. Mr. Maloney will discuss the list with Mr. Caiola and Mr. Majewski and see if the builders will consent to their requests.

**PEC Conference Summary/Makefield Garden Project** – Mr. Bray reported on projects that the EAC has participated in during the last month.

- Makefield Garden Project – Mr. Bray and Ms. Brandt worked on this project. Mr. Bray recently provided the Committee with a garden design.
- Macclesfield Tree Planting – EAC TreeVitalize members assisted LMT Parks and Recreation in obtaining the trees. The project is completed; girl scout troops helped and the LMT Parks and Recreation staff will maintain.
- Bucks County Meetings – Mr. Bray spoke at a meeting in Bristol Township and will speak to the Tullytown EAC on April 26<sup>th</sup> about LMT initiatives.
- Mr. Bray visited a wind turbine company in Dublin and EAC members will visit Newtown Township when their small wind turbine unit is installed.

**New Business** – Hazardous waste collection will be offered soon. Mr. Dresser will send Mr. Sundeen a blurb that can be forwarded to the EAC list of contacts.

Mr. Roden asked if he could work with the EAC on his Master's project, which will require him to use social media to assist a non-profit. This will be discussed at the May meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the April 13, 2011 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 9:45 P.M. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on May 11, 2011, at the LMT municipal building, at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chairman