

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
May 9, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Those Present:

Environmental Advisory Council:

Jim Bray, Chairman
Alan Dresser, Vice Chairman
Mark Bortman, Member
Rick Ewing, Member
Paul Roden, Member
Gail Stringer, Member
Joe Sundeen, Member

The May 9, 2012 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of April 11, 2012 EAC Meeting Minutes – The April 11 meeting minutes were approved unanimously, as written.

Leck Recycling Presentation – Jason and Tina Leck were in attendance to propose an electronics recycling project for Lower Makefield Township. As of January 1, 2013, waste haulers will be banned from taking any electronics curbside. As a result, a new branch of Leck, eLECKtronics, will be providing electronics drop-off events; they proposed holding one in LMT. Residents will be able to drop their electronics off at the agreed upon site; the electronics will be taken to Ecovanta, a disposal facility. Ecovanta will separate and shred, where necessary, the parts, and recycle them. The Township will get the grant money. The EAC members agreed that this would be very good for the Township. Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser will coordinate this project and work with Leck to come up with a date in the Fall and the best possible location. Mr. Bray will call Mr. Stainthorpe to fill him in. Tina Leck will do a mock-up of a flyer and have it to the EAC in a few days; the EAC will work with her to come up with the list of prohibited items. The EAC will present, along with Leck, the idea for the project at a BOS meeting, along with some suggestions for sites and dates. Jason Leck mentioned that they will soon be offering door to door electronics pick-ups for a fee.

Bright Farms – Representatives from Bright Farms presented their final Land Development and Stormwater Development plans to the EAC. Some items that were discussed:

- Retention ponds and basins that will take care of some of the flooding, with a 30,000 gallon capacity, and the ability to handle a 50 year storm.
- Bright Farms will have a connection to the Township supply of water
- The parking spaces are smaller at 12'
- The number of cisterns they have depends on the manufacturer they choose
- They are considering pervious surfaces in the parking lot, and will make a decision shortly
- They will amend the soil with Township compost
- The EAC suggested doing a meadow instead of mowing the open area; they suggested Bright Farms use an appropriate localized native meadow mix

- Re infiltration testing, there is a Township ordinance that requires the testing, but there was a question raised as to whether Bright Farms will have to do it since they are renting the property
- Bright Farms plans to remove only six trees; there was discussion of replanting the six trees on the fields
- Their trucks will be single axle 20' box trucks, under 25 tons.

Comments are due to the Planning Commission on May 11 for their May 14 meeting; Bright Farms will be attending. Mr. Dresser asked for comments from the EAC members before May 11.

Cool Cities Update – Mrs. Stringer reported that the next meeting of the Cool Cities/Buy Local Committee is scheduled for Saturday, May 19. At that time, the Committee will review the list of LMT businesses.

PSATS Presentation on LMT's Basin Naturalization Project – Mr. Bray reported on his presentation on the Basin Naturalization Project at the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors conference. He said it went very well, with about 60 people in attendance. There was discussion of putting Mr. Bray's presentation on YouTube; Mr. Roden volunteered to coordinate the project.

Environmental Lecture Series – Mr. Roden reported that he will call the Eagles representative to determine if there are any Fall dates when he would be available to do a presentation in LMT.

Oxford Valley Road Tree Project – There is nothing new on this project; Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser will discuss this with Mr. Fedorchak at their next meeting with him.

Open Discussion and Other Matters – Mr. Bray complimented Mr. Bortman on his article in the Yardley Voice.

Scammel Corners Development Plan - There was discussion of Scammel Corners' responses to the EAC's previous comments on this plan; Mr. Dresser asked for additional comments by May 30th.

With no further business to discuss, the May 12, 2012 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on June 12, 2012, at 7:00 PM, at the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, Chairman