

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
December 14, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Those Present

Environmental Advisory Council: Alan Dresser, Chairman
Jim Bray, Vice Chairman
Gail Stringer, Member
Joe Sundeen, Member

Others: Paul Roden

Absent: Laura Brandt, Alternate; Rick Ewing, Member; Geoff Goll, Member

Approval of November 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes – The November 21, 2011 EAC minutes were unanimously approved, as amended.

Siemens Sustainable Community Award – There was discussion on whether the EAC should submit an application for this environmental excellence award. Mr. Bray will research requirements and make a recommendation at an upcoming meeting.

An Update on Environmental Stewardship Award to Makefield Garden – The plan is to present the award at the January 18, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Audubon Bird Town USA – Mrs. Brandt provided an update on this project. She has sold about a dozen residential signs at \$15 each and two Bird Town tee shirts at \$10 each. The money will go to Audubon. Any EAC members interested in purchasing either a sign or a tee shirt can contact Mrs. Brandt. Anyone who posts the sign on their property must pledge to provide food, water, and shelter, for the birds, and have some native plants and no harmful pesticides. There are five larger signs that will be placed on roads in the Township; contact Mrs. Brandt with any suggestions on locations for the signs. She is compiling a list of potential roads. A plaque will go in the Township building, certifying that LMT is a Bird Town. There will be local events held in the future, to raise some funds and also awareness about Bird Town and environmental concerns related to birds, quality of life and the environment.

Grey Nun Academy – The Grey Nun Academy had called Mr. Dresser to see if any EAC members would be interested in being judges at an Environmental Problem Solving contest the school is holding on February 23. Mr. Bray volunteered to get more information. He volunteered to judge, as did Mr. Sundeen, and Mrs. Stringer.

Open Space/EAC Budget Update – Mr. Bray provided an overview. Mr. Dresser will call Mr. Fedorchak regarding meeting next week.

Land Reviews –

Aria Hospital Revised Preliminary Plan/Dec. 12 Planning Commission – Mr. Dresser attended the Planning Commission meeting, during which Aria submitted a revised plan which included reduced parking spots and reduced size of underground basins. The Planning Commission is interested in getting EAC comments about stormwater management before the PC meeting on January 23. Mr. Dresser asked for EAC comments by January 1st.

Grace Point Church Parking Lot – Mr. Dresser drafted comments on the submittal plan and recommended that the project go through the normal approval process. Those comments were submitted to the Township in a December 7, 2011 memo. ZHB gave the Church approval for more impervious surface if they adhere to the stormwater ordinance. Their new parking spots will utilize pervious paving.

Freeman's Farm – Mr. Dresser distributed revised copies of the plan to EAC members. He asked for comments by January 20th.

Open Discussion – EAC and Public – Mr. Roden reported that Yardley Voice wants to do an article on EAC's 2011 accomplishments. Mr. Bray will do the report and forward it to Mr. Dresser for his review. Mrs. Bray suggested that the EAC submit a column on recycling to the Yardley Voice, with the hope that they will publish additional columns on a regular basis. She will draft a column and forward it to Mr. Dresser for his input. Mr. Roden asked how the EAC can do more to promote recycling to the residents; Mr. Dresser will update the list of recyclables on the Township website.

Mrs. Stringer updated the EAC on Cool Cities. She has compiled the list of people who wrote the original plan. She will schedule the first meeting for 2:00PM on January 14th.

With no further business to discuss, the December 14, 2011 meeting of the EAC was adjourned at 9:00PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on January 11, 2012, at 7:30PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chairman