

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
November 12, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Present: James J. Bray, Chairman
Alan Dresser, Vice Chairman
Mark Bortman, Member
Cynthia D'Alessio, Member
Rick Ewing, Member
Paul Roden, Member

Mr. Bray called the November 12, 2014 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council to order at 7:00PM.

Approval of October 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the October 8, 2014 meeting of the EAC were approved unanimously, with changes.

Penn Environment Clean Power – Mr. Ewing distributed copies of two draft resolutions from Penn Environment. It was felt that, through the Township's acceptance of Cool Cities, they have already acknowledged their support for reducing the Township's carbon footprint. However, it was agreed that the EAC would sign a supporting resolution. Mr. Bray will send Mr. Ewing the Cool Cities wording, which Mr. Ewing will incorporate into his revised document.

Open Space Update – BOS Application for County Open Space Funds – The Township has not yet sent the application; Mr. Dresser will follow up.

Modifications to LMT's Street and Replacement Tree Ordinance – Mr. Bray updated the members on the status of the modifications to the Ordinance, which were approved by the BOS with a 4-1 vote.

Power Line Tree Ordinance Change – Mr. Bray and Mrs. D'Alessio will coordinate this project. Mrs. Tyler will schedule a time for the EAC to meet with PECO.

Drainage Basin Project – Mr. Bray worked with Kevin Kall to design a "no mow" sign, to be installed around the Township drainage basins that are part of the program. The EAC provided input on the wording of the sign.

Land Use Reviews –

Community Center – It is expected that the trees to be planted around the community center will be planted by the Township. The Tree Tenders might be able to take care of them. The Arboretum project, planned for the Oxford Valley ballfields, is on hold for now.

St. Ignatius – Mrs. D’Alessio and Mr. Bray reported on the recent Planning Commission meeting where this issue was discussed. The builders responded to EAC’s comments, which had previously been forwarded to them. They agreed to comply with all but three of the EAC’s concerns; with another concern which has surfaced, there are now four remaining concerns. The Planning Commission approved the preliminary plan. There was a discussion of tree replacement; the builder will owe the Township approximately 400 trees. There was also discussion of a red oak which the builder would like to remove. They were told by an arborist that it is damaged, diseased and a danger. However, the Township Manager agreed to hire another arborist to look at the tree.

Recycling Update – Mr. Dresser received the data from Hough regarding the 2012 grant. He also noted that Allied Waste’s recycling numbers were much lower than in previous years.

Railroad Quiet Zone Update – There is no update on this project.

Environmental Stewardship Award – Suggestions were made for a nominee; Mrs. Bray will pursue.

Open Discussion – EAC and Public – Mr. Roden reported on a lecture on sustainability, given at LaSalle University.

With no further business to discuss, the November 12, 2014 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council adjourned at 9:25PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on December 10th at 7PM in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, Chairman