

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
March 11, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Present: Alan Dresser, Chairman
Rick Ewing, Member
Matthew Conley, Member
Paul Roden, Member
Mark Bortman, Vice Chairman
Judi Reiss, Member

Also in attendance were LMT residents Eugene Pevzner, Mary Barati and Doug Marshall

Mr. Dresser called the March 11th, 2015 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council to order at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Feb. 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the Feb. 11, 2015 EAC meeting were approved unanimously, with minor changes.

Glyphosate/Round-Up (BeyondPesticides.org) - Discussion with Eugene Pevzner, Mary Barati and Doug Marshall (LMT residents) about their concern with the use of herbicide Glyphosate, commonly known as RoundUp. They shared various articles about the health and environmental effects of the chemical. They wanted to know if the LMT Public Works use the chemical and whether there were any ordinances regulating the use of the herbicide. It was suggested that they come to a meeting of the Board of Supervisors and make a comment during the public comment session. It was also recommended that they gather more information on the public health impact of the herbicide and information on alternatives to control weeds. They referred to organizations and websites like the National Audubon Society, Levittown GROW, Mike McGrath of the Rodale Press and the WHY 91 FM's weekly "You Bet Your Garden", for educating the public on alternatives to the use of glyphosate to control weeds and unwanted vegetation by LMT residents. The EAC will check with the LMT Public Works staff (Kevin Kall) on the use and policy of applying herbicides in the township on municipal parks and land.

Updating EAC Website – Kristin Tyler, Chairperson of the LMT BOS, asked that all advisory committees update their portions of the LMT website. Mr. Dresser had printed out some suggestions for updates and corrections. Mr. Roden will look at the website and make some recommendations for the next meeting. Changes to the EAC Webpage need to be approved by the Township Manager, Terry Fedorchak.

EAC Submittal for May Issue of LMT Newsletter:

The Board of Supervisors is interested in producing a newsletter in May for the residents of LMT and would like to have the EAC submit an article. Mr. Roden and Mr. Dresser will coordinate content for that publication.

EAC Newsletter

Besides expanding on the bird article for the LMT Newsletter, other topics for the EAC Newsletter could include the upcoming E-Waste Recycling Day in Yardley Borough on April 27th, the Green Building Ordinance and the Community Center, open space, and any upcoming environmental speaker.

LMT Community Center LEED Certification Update

Mr. Dresser and Ms. Grayson met with Mrs. Taylor with regard to the LEED Certification for the new LMT Community Center. Despite LMT's new Green Building Ordinance and the recommendations of the EAC to at least try to meet the standards, the new Community Center may unfortunately not meet the required silver LEED certification level. Some recommendations made were for the use of renewable energy, energy efficient appliances in the building, possible "green roof" and other conservation measures that would not only protect and improve the environment, but would also reduce Township energy costs.

Running Bamboo Ordinance Update

The EAC is waiting for input from the BOS on whether they should move forward in working on an ordinance for controlling the invasive species of bamboo. Such guidance will be given after Mrs. Tyler attends the PA Supervisor Conference in mid-April.

BOS Application for County Open Space Funds

The County Open Space Committee has not received the additional information requested from LMT, so it is not known if the issue will be on the agenda at the March 25th Open Space meeting.

Patterson Farm Tree Plaque – Rick Ewing is to send out the latest design of the tree plaque.

Land Use Reviews –

St. Ignatius – Status of Red Oak Tree – This is on hold until a sewer line issue with Yardley Borough is worked out.

Moon Nursery – Conservation Easement – Mr. Dresser will follow up with Mr. Fedorchak on the status.

Recycling Update –

The Yardley Borough EAC is sponsoring an E-Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, April 25, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Buttonwood Park

Yardley's Recycling Day!

SaVe ThEsE ItEmS:

Paper for shredding (cd's, dvd's gift cards too!),
sneakers,
rechargeable batteries,
torn/tattered American Flags,
bubble wrap, packing materials, air packs, Styrofoam peanuts - sponsored by Bucks Ship and Print
laser and ink printer cartridges,
electronics and more!

NO CAR BATTERIES.

Odds and Ends

Yardley Borough EAC is conducting a Vegetable Garden Seed Swap on Saturday, March 28, 2015 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Yardley Borough Hall Rec Room. Also, on March 28, 2015, the Bucks County Audubon Society in support of the Audubon Society's Bird Town Program is sponsoring a workshop on How to Design with Native Plants at the Newtown Township Public Meeting Room, located on 100 Municipal Drive, which is off of PA Route 413. The cost is \$55, contact Autumn Thomas newtown.tree@comcast.net. Registration is required.

With no further business to discuss, the March 11, 2015 meeting of the LMT EAC was adjourned at 9:35 P.M. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on April 8, 2015, at 7PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Roden, Member