

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
April 8, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Present: Alan Dresser, Chairman
 Mark Bortman, Vice Chairman
 Jeff Benedetto, Supervisor Liaison
 James Bray, Member
 Paul Roden, Member
 Judi Reiss, Member

Also in attendance was Eugene Pevzner, LMT resident.

Approval of March 11, 2015 Minutes – The March 11, 2015 minutes were approved, as written.

Roundup Discussion – Eugene Pevzner was following up on the discussion about using Roundup in the Township. He reported on information he had gathered, including a Consumer Reports article about Roundup, which indicated that it should not be used around children or animals. There was discussion of what could replace Roundup, two ideas being a commercial product combining salt and vinegar and a new product called Radiant Heat Eaters. Mr. Dresser will e-mail Mr. Kall, find out where the Township sprays, fill him in on what the EAC has learned so far and try to set up a meeting to discuss the issue. Mr. Bray indicated that Mr. Kall may object to treatments that will cause the staff extra time.

Updating the EAC Website – Mr. Roden will come to the next meeting with suggestions for changes to the EAC part of the website.

EAC Submittal to May Issue of Township Newsletter – Mrs. Taylor sent out an e-mail saying that the newsletter is revived.

Open Space –

BOS Application for County Open Space Funds – The County did not approve the use of LMT’s open space money for Patterson Farm.

EAC Meeting with Terry Fedorchak on Open Space – There was discussion of the priority in which the Open Space money should be spent. Mr. Benedetto will forward his priority list to the other Supervisors. Mr. Dresser and Mr. Bray will meet with Mr. Fedorchak on the matter.

EAC Lecture Series – Mr. Bray reported that Jessica Lenker, the Pennsylvania expert on invasive plants, is no longer in the same role and will not be able to lecture on the topic in LMT. She will get back to Mr. Bray if she can find another speaker, who is knowledgeable about invasive plants, particularly bamboo.

If the Township room is available, Mr. Bortman will present a program on solar power on May 30th.

EAC Event Table –

Artists of Yardley June 13th Patterson Farm Community Day/Unveiling of Tree Plaque – Mr. Dresser asked for volunteers to staff a table at this event. He will contact Mr. Ewing about the plaque.

Middletown Township May 25th 10am-2 pm Core Creek Park – It was agreed that the EAC will not participate in this event.

Land Reviews -

Moon Nurseries Tract Final Approval at April 1 BOS Meeting – Moon Nurseries received final approval for 17 houses on April 1.

Elm and Maplewood Two Home Development/Zoning Board – Neighbors opposing the development attended the Zoning Board meeting but the topic was postponed to the next ZB meeting. There is a stream on the property, which the EAC believes is a matter for concern.

Ongoing Project Updates –

LMT Community Center LEED Certification - The EAC is concerned that the Township is not adhering to its own Green Building Ordinance, which dictates that any new Township building must meet the LEED Silver standard. Mr. Benedetto will pass this information on to the other Supervisors.

PA American Water Company Grant – Mr. Bortman reported that he hasn't been notified, and believes that means that we did not get the grant.

Bamboo Ordinance – Mr. Benedetto reported that PECO has a major concern about bamboo taking power out. It has been an issue in other Townships. He suggested that working with PECO on the issue might be an effective approach.

With no further business to discuss, the EAC meeting of April 8, 2015 was adjourned at 9:00pm. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on May 13, 2015, at 7PM, at the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chairman

