

Lower Makefield Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
January 13, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Alan Dresser, Chairman  
Mark Bortman, Vice Chairman  
James Bray, Alternate Member  
Paul Roden, Member  
Kristin Tyler, BOS Liaison

Also in attendance were: Bruce Black, LMT Resident, and Peter Solor, LMT Resident

Mr. Dresser called the January 13, 2016 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council to order at 7PM. He welcomed Ms. Tyler, EAC's 2016 Board liaison, and introduced her to Mr. Black and Mr. Solor, who are interested in joining the EAC. After Mr. Black and Mr. Solor spoke about the professional, and personal, environmental work they have done, it was agreed by the EAC that they would be assets to the Council. Ms. Tyler suggested that they move forward with their letters of interest, and asked that they copy her on them. Mr. Bray also mentioned that Geoff Goll, a former member of the EAC, is interested in re-joining and will be sending a letter of interest.

**Approval of December 12, 2015 EAC Minutes** – The December 12, 2015 EAC minutes were approved unanimously, as amended.

**Election of New Chair and Vice Chair** – Since there were no other nominations for the Chair position, Mr. Dresser agreed to continue as Chair for another year. Mr. Bortman also agreed to continue as Vice Chair.

**Citizens Climate Lobby Carbon Fee and Dividend Proposal – EAC Endorsement Vote** – Mr. Dresser provided Ms. Tyler with an overview of this project, which had been introduced to the EAC at a previous meeting. Mr. Dresser asked for a vote from the EAC members on endorsement of the proposal; the vote was unanimous to endorse. Mr. Dresser will contact Mr. Wells to let him know.

Discussion ensued about steps the Township can take to save energy. Mr. Bortman worked on a project in Doylestown for which there were no up-front costs to the customer; the engineer will be paid from the money saved in energy costs. Mr. Bortman suggested that LMT might want to look into doing a project like this and will pursue with the engineer. Mr. Dresser will put it on the agenda for the February meeting.

**Emerald Ash Borer Beetle Possible LMT Website Notice** – Mr. Dresser had ordered some information on this project that could be made available to LMT residents. There is interest in letting residents know

what they can do about the problem. Mr. Dresser will arrange to have the information put on the LMT and EAC websites, and Mr. Black will pull the documents together. Mr. Solor asked if there is a list available of trees that should not be planted.

#### **Open Space Update (Patterson Farm Easement, Jennings Tract, Madak Tract) -**

Patterson Farm Easement-There is no new information on this project, though there is strong feeling that it would make very good sense to have the easement done by the County, who can design it to meet LMT's needs.

Jennings Tract – There is nothing new to report, though Ms. Tyler expects that something will happen soon.

Madak Tract – There is nothing new on this project.

Mr. Dresser reported that he and Mr. Bray had met with Judi Reiss and John Lewis, the new LMT Supervisors, on the topic of open space, and they expressed a real interest in saving open space. Ms. Tyler suggested that they also meet with Dave Fritchey, an interim Supervisor.

**Update on Elcon Hazardous Waste Facility in Falls Township** – Mr. Dresser reported that there is no permit yet on Phase 2 and there has not been much movement on the project. Mr. Black suggested that Ewing Township is interested in supporting us. Mr. Dresser said he wants to see what's in the permit before starting to gather support from other EACs.

Ms. Tyler said that the Supervisors will be interviewing people for the position of Sewer Engineer.

Mr. Bray suggested that the Township hire an Environmental Engineer. There was some discussion and it was thought that we might want to consider that for projects over a certain amount.

**Land Use Reviews** – Nothing new has been submitted. However, the brightness of the lights on the Flowers Field development was mentioned and the question was raised about whether the lighting conforms with LMT's Low Impact Development Ordinance. Mr. Dresser will follow up with Mark Eisold .

Ms. Tyler mentioned that the preliminary plans of the Pennsbury middle school project have been seen by the Zoning Board. The plans have to be reworked and go to Zoning again, after which the EAC will have an opportunity to review.

**Late February Meeting with Terry Fedorchak** – Mr. Dresser will schedule a meeting with Mr. Fedorchak to discuss naturalized drainage basins, replacement tree planting, and other topics. Mr. Bortman will try to attend the meeting. Mr. Dresser suggested that the EAC put an information sheet together, so LMT workers are able to explain the benefits of naturalized basins to residents in the event they are approached by residents with concerns..

**Odds and Ends** – Mr. Dresser will not be in attendance at the February meeting; Mr. Bortman will run the meeting in his place.

It was noted that the Bowmans Hill Land Ethics Symposium is scheduled for March 2; Mr. Bray recommended it to the members and suggested that, if any members want to go, the EAC could pay the entrance fee.

Eugene Pevzner will be reporting on the Round Up project at the EAC's February meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the January 13, 2016 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 8:45PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on February 10, 2016, at 7PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chairman