

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
May 11, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Present: Alan Dresser, Chairman
Mark Bortman, Vice Chairman
Paul Roden, Member
Also in Attendance: Lisa Kamp, LMT Resident; Peter Solor, LMT Resident;

1. **Approval of April 13, 2016 EAC Meeting Minutes** – The April 13, 2016 EAC meeting minutes were approved, with changes.
2. **E-Waste Recycling Event for the Fall** – Mark Bortman checked with other adjacent EAC's about jointly sponsoring an Electronic Waste Recycling Day. Newtown Borough and Newtown Township EAC's both expressed interested. Morrisville, Yardley Borough, Langhorne/Middletown EAC, Falls and Upper Makefield Townships have also been contacted. There is a cost involved in the firm conducting the E-waste Recycling. \$25 per TV or large screen TV/Monitor for each resident or citizen who comes to drop off stuff plus \$1,000 service charge to the E-Waste Experts, to haul the stuff away and dispose of it in an environmental responsible manner. The more EAC's who co-sponsor, the less the cost of organizing will be. Two dates were proposed to conduct this E-Waste Recycling Day at the Township Line Road Office Complex by Stony Hill and Township Line Roads, Sat. Sept. 24, 2016 and Sat. Sept.24, 2016. Mark Bortman will follow-up with the other local EAC's and Alan will connect to the E-Waste Haulers and the Township Line Road Office Complex for arrangements.
3. **Wrap-Up to April 23rd Workshop on Environmentally Safe Home and Garden** – According to Lisa Kamp, about a dozen people from the LMT area attended the presentation on Environmentally Safe Chemicals for the Home and Garden. It was recorded and archived for the EAC Webpage and will hopefully available for LMT Residents for later viewing and on the Government Access Channel. Ten new residents asked to be added to the EAC mailing list. Mr. Bray will talk to Mr. Kelliher about the possibility of televising the workshop.
4. **Memorial Park Arboretum April 30, 2016 Dedication and LMT Tree Planting Plan** – Alan Dresser and Jim Bray attended the dedication of the Memorial Park Arboretum near the Garden of Reflection, off of Woodside Road. The design incorporated a variety of trees that are indigenous and comply with LMT's Native Plant and Tree Replacement Ordinances. Several developers have owed trees or fees to the township for the removal of trees during construction for a number of years. In order for LMT's tree planting initiative to continue these developers will have to pay up.
5. **DRJTBC Scudder Falls Bridge Replacement Project & Office Re-location** – Alan Dresser shared the letter he sent the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, who are responsible for the expansion and re-modeling of the I-95 Scudders Falls Bridge from LMT to Ewing, NJ over the Delaware River. This April 15, 2016 letter asks the DRJTBC to provide replacement trees to the Township similar to what they are providing Ewing Township, NJ. In addition to the bridge

rebuilding, the DRJTBC also wants to purchase from LMT a 10 acre parcel of land that includes the Taylorsville Road Park and Ride Parking lot. It is on the southbound side of I-95, just after you cross over the existing bridge into PA. DRJTBC wants to re-locate their administrative offices in Morrisville, PA. An EAC April 24, 2016 comment letter on this proposed sale was sent to the Supervisors. The concerns that were expressed included the stormwater runoff, use of the purchase funds for open space, wetlands, pervious payment, bike paths and walking paths, and tree removal. This proposed sale of Township land will be discussed and voted on in a future LMT BOS meetings.

6. **Elcon Hazardous Waste Facility in Falls Township/** - The Newtown Township Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to oppose the proposed Elcon Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility in Falls Township. Citing air and water pollution impact from any accident or vapor/ emission from proposed the chemical waste treatment facility, on Newtown Borough and Township residents, the Newtown Borough Board of Supervisors, voted unanimously to oppose the project, and to inform DEP, Elcon, the government of Falls Township, the EPA and the citizens of Newtown, Newtown Borough and the surrounding area to join in opposing the construction and Operation of this “thermal oxidation” hazardous waste treatment facility here and anywhere with in the Delaware River Flood Plane. The LMT Board of Supervisors directed their former Solicitor to write a letter to both ELCON and the PA-DEP asking about both the location, the design and plans for any accident, spill or leakage by tanker trucks or train tank cars on the way to the plant and from the “thermal oxidation” process and final disposal of the “salts” from the treatment process. The regional office of the PA DEP in Norristown, did respond back, stating that concerns expressed would be addressed in Phase 2 of the environmental permit process, which has yet to be completed and submitted to the PA DEP. ELCON has not responded as of this date to the LMT’s Solicitor’s letter. No Phase 2 permit application has been submitted by Elcon and there is no other news to report on this permit process for this facility.

7. **Land Use Reviews** –

Makefield Glen Edgewood Pizza – This project was presented and discussed with the Planning Commission on May 9th and, based on a 2 – 2 vote, did not recommend its approval. Impacts discussed included stormwater runoff, traffic, the location of the development so close to the road and adherence to the setbacks established by the building code for the project would required variances from the LMT. The 89 required replacement of trees and damaged to the trees that will remain (both on and offsite) during the construction were other environmental impact issues discussed during the Planning Commission Meeting.

Capstone Village Proposal – Mr. Dresser reported that there was no new developments on this rezoning proposal. The EAC is in favor of a mixed use proposal to include both commercial and residential or “mixed use” for this development project. This item will be discussed at the May 18th LMT Board of Supervisor’s Meeting.

Artis Senior Living – A developer’s “sketch” project proposal has been sent to the Township for discussion. Mr. Solor is leading the review on this project. This project was discussed at the May 4th BOS meeting.

Lighting at Flowers Field at Edgewood Village – Mr. Solor reported that the lighting exceeds ordinance maximums. He will e-mail Mark Eisold and ask him to determine if it is in compliance and mention the illegal sale of topsoil at the site.

8. Open Space Update

Guzikowski Farm – One appraisal has been received for the Guzikowski farm; the Township is in the process of obtaining a second appraisal.

Jennings Tract – The Township is ready to purchase of the Jennings Tract and will vote on it at their May 18th meeting.

Patterson Farm Easement – This project is in process with no new developments to report.

9. Odds and Ends –

Bucks County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events – On Saturday May 28, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harry S. Truman High School, 3001 Green Lane, Levittown, PA in Bristol Township, Hazardous chemicals such as used motor oil, anti-freeze, pesticides, herbicides, gasoline, diesel, heating oil, cleaners (ammonia’s household lye, oven cleaners, bleach, drain cleaners, gas grill cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, rust removers, furniture and wood work paint removers, acid wash for sidewalks, basements and garage floors, pool chemicals, batteries of all types from buttons to car lead-acid battery types will be collected.

Meeting with the New Director of Public Works – Alan Dresser, met with Ralph Carp, LMT’s new Director of Public Works, and discussed a number of environmental issues of mutual concern.

Meeting with Ralph Carp – Mr. Dresser and Mr. Bray met with Mr. Carp, the new LMT Public Works Director, to discuss topics including naturalized drainage basins, use of roundup and LMT Energy Efficiency Project. Last year it was noticed that many of the stormwater detention basins that were suppose to be naturalized were being mowed. After this meeting the EAC is hopeful that this will not occur this year.

With no further business to discuss, the May 11th, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 9PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on June 8 2016, at 7PM in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chairman