

Lower Makefield Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
September 11, 2013  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jim Bray, Chairman  
Alan Dresser, Vice Chairman  
Mark Bortman, Member  
Gail Stringer, Member

The September 11, 2013 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council was called to order at 7:00PM. The first order of business was the approval of the June 12, 2013 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously, as amended.

**Pervious Pavement Ordinance** – Mr. Dresser reported that, following the June presentation on the ordinance to the Planning Commission, he had amended it to reflect the exclusion of single family detached homes. The solicitors reviewed it, and had some questions, which Mr. Dresser has answered. Mr. Dresser will talk to Mr. Fedorchak about having the solicitors finalize their review of the ordinance.

**Cool Cities Buy Local** – Mrs. Stringer is working on the mailing list.

**Environmental Stewardship Award** – It was agreed that the LMT Farmers Market would be nominated for the award.

**Open Space** – Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser will provide Mr. Fedorchak with a list of open space properties, in priority order. They will suggest to Mr. Fedorchak that letters be sent to the owners, asking if they are interested in being part of the program.

**Environmental Lecture Series** – Early in 2014, there will be a lecture on Open Space, and one with the Delaware Riverkeeper in the Spring.

**Solar Ordinance Grant** – Pennsylvania was not selected to receive a grant. Mr. Bray asked Mr. Bortman to let the EAC know if there comes a time when he thinks LMT needs a solar ordinance.

**Recycling Update** – Mr. Dresser hand delivered the recycling letters to the offices in the 777 Township Line Road building.

**Land Use Reviews**

St. Ignatius – There will be houses built on their property. There are no stormwater issues, but they are planning to remove a lot of trees.

Fieldstone – The builders have informed the Planning Commission that they will be submitting a preliminary plan to start building 18 homes in the near future.

Freeman's Farm – The builders have gotten final approval.

Scammel's Corner – The Planning Commission will tell the builders to put the bike path on the Scammel's side of the street. Mr. Dresser will follow up.

**Open Discussion** – A resident called Mr. Bray regarding a neighbor's bamboo which is encroaching on her yard. She wondered if the Township is going to prohibit bamboo. Mr. Bray reported that the Township no longer accepts bamboo for composting. However, he told the homeowner that there is no policy that he knows of to restrict the planting of bamboo.

Geoff Goll told Mr. Bray about a new wall, built on a residential property, which is encroaching on the buffer. Mr. Bray forwarded the letter to Mr. Fedorchak, who asked the Township Engineer to look into it.

Mrs. Stringer saw an article in the paper about a proposed new township development in Middletown Township. Mr. Dresser will investigate.

Mr. Bray suggested that he and Mr. Dresser will talk to Mr. Fedorchak about replacing Mr. Sundeen and Mr. Ewing, who wish to step down from the EAC.

With no further business to discuss, the September 11, 2013 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 8:30PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on October 9, 2013, at 7:00PM, in the LMT Municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, Chairman