

Lower Makefield Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
October 9, 2013  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jim Bray, Chairman  
Alan Dresser, Vice Chairman  
Dobby Dobson, BOS Liaison  
Rick Ewing, Member  
Paul Roden, Member  
Gail Stringer, Member  
Joe Sundeen, Member

Also in attendance was Cindi D'Alessio, a resident and potential EAC member.

Mr. Bray called the October 9, 2013 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council to order at 7PM.

**Approval of September 11, 2013 Minutes** -The first order of business was to approve the September 11, 2013 EAC minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously, as amended.

**Joe Sundeen's Last EAC Meeting** – This will be Mr. Sundeen's last meeting with the EAC. Mr. Bray thanked him for his hard work for the Council and the Township, and noted that perhaps his greatest contributions were the three, very successful Global Warming conferences Mr. Sundeen was responsible for bringing to the Township and for his very important work on Open Space. It was agreed by all that he will be sorely missed.

**Pervious Pavement Ordinance Update** – Mr. Dresser updated the group on the Ordinance. He had sent the EAC's responses to the Planning Commission's concerns to Mr. Fedorchak about three weeks ago and has not gotten a response. Mr. Dresser had also sent the responses to Mr. Koopman, LMT's attorney, and has not heard back from him. Mr. Bray suggested that they schedule a meeting with Mr. Fedorchak to discuss this and other issues. Once Mr. Dresser has gotten feedback from Mr. Fedorchak and Mr. Koopman, the Ordinance will go to the Bucks County Planning Commission and then the Board of Supervisors.

**Cool Cities Buy Local Project Update** – Mrs. Stringer reported that she has created a mailing list from the business names provided by Bob Smith and has assigned them to categories. She noted that there is a very large number of medical themed businesses in the Township. She suggested that there is a possibility that there are not enough businesses in the Township that would benefit from a Buy Local project to justify moving forward. Mr. Bray will meet with Mrs. Stringer to review the information.

**Open Space Mailings Update** - Mr. Bray sent 70 letters to owners of open space properties, previously categorized as A1 by the EAC, to determine their level of interest in selling their properties, or the development rights. There have been several responses to the letters. Mr. Bray, as a next step, will send letters to 20 owners of A2 properties. The approximately \$450,000 of County money must be spent by the end of 2014. Mr. Ewing asked if more than that amount could be spent if a particularly compelling property was available. Mr. Dobson suggested that if a large farm was available, that would merit discussion.

**November 16 Bird Migration Lecture** – Mr. Bray reminded the group that Scott Weidensaul will be lecturing on Bird Migration on November 16, from 9-12, at the Township Building. Mr. Weidensaul is a world renowned bird expert and author. Mr. Bray expects this to be a very popular event. The event will be well publicized and all EAC members are encouraged to attend and to help publicize the event.

**Lower Makefield Township Tree Tenders** – Mr. Bray reported on the recently formed Lower Makefield Tree Tenders, consisting of a group of LMT residents who had just graduated from the Pennsylvania's Horticulture Society's Tree Tenders course. The group's first hands-on job will be to prune and mulch the trees on the ballfields at Oxford Valley and Reoelofs Roads. The trees were planted three years ago, and need attention.

**Land Use Reviews** –

**Manor Care** - Mr. Dresser reported that the EAC had made suggestions to Manor Care regarding the use of pervious pavement.

**Recycling Update** – Mr. Dresser said that the last big soccer tournament of the year would be held over the weekend at Macclesfield Park. He had talked to Donna Liney, who assured him that recycling bins would be in place. He will do a site visit over the weekend.

**2013 Environmental Stewardship Award** – It was agreed at the September 11 EAC meeting that the LMT Farmers Market would receive the 2013 Environmental Stewardship Award. Mr. Bray will call Sandy Guzikowski to let her know. The Award will be presented at the second BOS meeting in January.

**Countess Drive Retaining Wall** – Mr. Bray received a call from an LMT resident about a retaining wall that had been built in a creek behind a resident's property, to stop erosion. This was apparently done without permission or permits from the Township. LMT Manager, Terry Fedorchak, and Nancy Frick, of Zoning, are aware of the issue and are taking steps to resolve the problem.

With no further business to discuss, the October 9, 2013 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 8:30PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on Wednesday, November 13, at 7PM, at the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, Chairman