

Lower Makefield Township  
**Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 13, 2018**

**1. Approval of the May 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** Unanimous

**2. Basin Naturalization Program:**

A meeting was held with the Director of Public Works Alan Dresser Lisa Kemp Barbara Baus and Dan Grenier, BOS Liason to discuss the new database of water retention basins, restoration of previous naturalized basins and the plan to move forward on new naturalization of water retention basins in the years ahead. Recent rain storms around Memorial Day caused some flooding in the Township. Dan, the Public Works Director and his employees were working real hard to keep the storm drains clear of sticks, leaves and logs from trees, as there was flooding because of the grates and storm drains being clogged.

**3. Lecture Series**

PECO will provide a speaker for the Community Pride Day and a lecture with other Speakers in October for Energy Conservation. The events will be publicized by the LMT Website, the Community Access Channel, EAC Newsletter, and a press release to the list of publications and websites developed by Jeanne Bray and Paul Roden

**4. Ordinance Changes:**

Proposed changes to the Tree and Woodlands Ordinances have been revised by Alan Dresser and sent on the David Truelove the LMT Solicitor for review and presentation to the LMT BOS. Heritage Tree ordinance was also revised by Alan Dresser and sent on to the LMT Solicitor for review before being submitted to the LMT BOS.

**5. Summer Newsletter on Recycling:**

Paul Roden will work on a draft news letter for the Summer on Recycling to up the LMT resident on changes to the types of plastic that can be recycled by trash haulers in the township.

**6. Land Use Reviews:**

**Dunkin Donuts:** The Planning Commission recommended approval a the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be coming up for a vote at the next meeting of the LMT BOS Meeting Wednesday June14, 2018.

**Caddis Medical on Dobry Road.** The EAC sent a comment letter to them on April 24<sup>th</sup>, but the Zoning Board on April 28, 2018 recommended approval for the May 14<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee meeting. There has been no response to any of the comment letters from any of the parties involved.

**Snipes Tract Athletic Fields:**

Dan Grenier updated the EAC on the various plans for the proposed Athletic fields for the Snipes Tract.

**Dogwood Drive Final Plan:** No activity to report.

**Dog Park:** Upon inspect there were several things observed and photographed that are not in compliance with PA DEP regulations and the design plans as approved. Crushed stone left over from the project was just dumped and covered with mulch. A fence was erected near a stream and evidence of erosion under the fence towards the stream. A storage shed was also erected on the site. The size of the large dog and smaller size dog sections was not completed as design plans called for. The fence and the burying of the crushed stone by the mulch is not in compliance to DEP regulations and puts the Township in jeopardy of violating environmental laws and regulations. Further investigation and remediation is called for. The project has run way over budget.

**7. Status of Yardley Watershed Grant Application:**

Alan updated us on the letter of support sent June 19, 2018, that the BOS submitted in support the Borough of Yardley' application for a grant from the PA DEP to conduct a Watershed Impact Study on the tributary that flows through the Borough.

**8. 2017 Year End Review:**

Pete Solar will send out a revised 2017 Year End Review before the next meeting

**9. Plastic Bag Use Reduction:** Lisa Kamp updated the EAC, on discussions with Shop Rite and Mc Caffrey's. Jeanne Bray and Lisa have been working on a flyer and poster with Shop Rite to encourage shoppers using reusable bags, rather than plastic.

**10. Odd's and End's:**

Need some suggestions to spend our allocated budget.

**11. Open Discussion:**

On Tuesday, June 12, 2018, a state wide environmental coalition, conducted a Lobby Day for transitioning the state to 100% Renewable Energy without nuclear or fossil fuel by the year 2050 Penn Environment and the Sierra Club coordinated the effort. The legislation has bipartisan support from 13 state Senators and 42 state Representatives. It is HB 2132, in the House and SB 1140 in the Senate. Our outgoing State Senator Mc Ilhinney, Republican is one of the co-authors. Perry Warren our State Representative District 31, is a co-sponsor of the bill. It is stuck in the Republican Senate Committee. Additional co-sponsors of the day of citizen lobbying included: *Sponsors of 100% Renewable Energy Advocacy Day: 350 Pittsburgh, Breathe Project / Collaborative, Bucks County Audubon Society, Bucks County Green Party, Bucks County Sierra Club, Bucks Environmental Action, Citizens Climate Lobby Bucks-Mont, Citizens' Climate Lobby Chester County, Clean Air Council, Clean Water Action, Climate Reality Project: Susquehanna Valley PA Chapter, Defend Our Future, League of Women Voters PA, Moms Clean Air Force, Oakland Planning & Development Corp., PA Council of Churches, PA Interfaith Power and Light, Sunlight of the Spirit House, Sunrise Movement, Susquehanna*

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