

Minutes from the Lower Makefield Township EAC Meeting of March 14, 2018

Members: Alan Dresser, Paul Roden, Lisa Kamp, Soumya Dharmavara

Liaison Dan Grenier

Guests: Barb Baus

Minutes from the Feb. 14, 2018 were approved.

PECO Representative on Energy Conservation Audits for the Township: Members of the EAC met with Percy Rosales, who is a contractor for PECO of Excellon Energy, about conducting energy conservation public education and energy audits for PECO customers in the Township. Presentations could include games for kids as well as passing out literature, signing up for home energy audits, LED lamp bulb samples and a short public oral presentation. Information on rebates and discounts for purchasing new, more energy efficient appliances for the home could be discussed. This will be incorporated into a future EAC Energy Conservation Seminar/Speaker Event, probably in the Fall in September.

Lecture Series:

Nancy Lawson will be giving a lecture on Gardening for April 21, 2018. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Program starts at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Township Community Center, 1550 Oxford Valley Road, near the Frank Allen Softball Fields. Check was made and sent to her for \$500.00. Paul Roden will send out press release and announcement. He will send out a special issue of the newsletter. Alan Dresser will post on Township Calendar and on the Government Access Channel.

In Nancy Lawson's myth-busting talk, learn how common growing methods falsely divide the natural world and perpetuate misperceptions about our wild species. Discover practical ways to put humane gardening philosophies into action by protecting wildlife nurseries, eliminating unintended hazards, and humanely resolving conflicts with misunderstood creatures.

Open Space:

Representatives of the University of Dayton tract haven't contacted us with a price for the 0.64 acre property, but most likely won't give or deed it to the Township at no cost.

Land Reviews:

Dunkin Donuts a revised preliminary sketch plan was submitted Feb 2018 for comments. Dobry Erin submitted Dec 2017 a revised preliminary plan. They are expected to request variances from the Zoning Board. There is no activity on the Fieldstone Property. The Caddis Medical proposal on Dobry Road has submitted a sketch plan at the Feb. 21 BOS meeting. The Dogwood Drive Final Plan was submitted but no activity on it.

New Community Center Grand Opening:

The EAC had an information table at the March 10th dedication of the new Township Community Center on 1550 Oxford Valley Road. 14 additional e-mail addresses were added to the EAC e-mail list.

Catchment Basin Naturalization Project:

A new database of the location and status of rainwater catchment basins in the township has been established. It is much easier to find, check, revise the condition of the individual basins and update the status of catchment basins for naturalization in the future. The EAC will be trying to set up a meeting with Greg Hucklebridge to discuss sign placement and strategy for this summer's naturalization.

Spring Electronics Recycling Day:

The Electronics Recycling Day has been set for May 5, 2018 in the parking lots of Charles Boehm Middle School, with residents entering from William Penn Middle School and following the road to the parking lot behind the Charles Boehm Middle School.

Fracking Resolution:

The Fracking Resolution is still being revised by Paul Roden to recommend that the Delaware River Basin Commission adopt a complete ban on fracking and related activities in the Delaware River Basin. Dan will check with the Solicitor to see if the EAC can pass a resolution.

Joint Overview Board:

Dan Grenier, Our EAC LMT BOS Liason is proposing that a joint overview board be established for all proposed building permit and land use reviews. Developers and contractors proposing construction and remodeling construction projects in the Township would submit plans and sketch plans for reviews by a special joint review panel made up of members of the Zoning Board, EAC, Parks and Recreation, Historic Preservation and Traffic for review and comment. This was strongly supported by all the members of the EAC. It needs to be checked for compliance with existing law and ordinances with Dave Truelove to see if any changes in the ordinances and law need to be made to establish this panel.

Revising of Tree, Woodlands, Buffers and Green Building Ordinances: Alan Dresser will be meeting with the Jim Majewski (Zoning Director) to discuss possibly revising the Tree Replacement Ordinance, the Green Building Code and Woodlands and Stream Buffer Ordinances to improve and clarify them for better understanding and compliance.

Snipes Tract Review Process: Dan Grenier updated the EAC on the review of the Snipes Land Review Process for the Athletic Fields.

Plastic Bag Use Reduction and Recycling:

Lisa Kamp and Jeanne Bray have been working with Shoprite, whom seem most responsive to our efforts to reduce the use of plastic shopping bags and promote the use of reusable bags by customers. Additional signs and promotional ideas are being discussed. Contact with Mc Caffrey's will continue to develop efforts with their customers as well.

Odds and Ends:

April 14, 2018 EAC Network Conference, Malvern, PA Double Tree 8:00 a.m. to 4 :00 p.m. PA Land Trust Association. \$35.00. Paul Roden is attending and all members of the EAC are encouraged to attend. Reimbursement from the EAC budget can be obtained for members.

There has been an application for a grant for installing photovoltaic panels on the Township Building and the new Community Center from the State.