

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council

November 13, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Barbara Baus, Chair; Jim Bray; Soumya Dharmavaram; Kevin Gallen; Paul Roden; Linda Salvati

Also in attendance were Lee Pedowicz and Peg Mongillo, Chair of Morrisville EAC.

The first order of business was approval of the October 9, 2019 EAC minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously, as amended.

Tree Planting Plan on Caiola Field – Final plans were made for the November 16 tree planting. It is expected that all planting will be completed on Saturday; Sunday will be kept for cleaning up. A total of 123 trees/shrubs will be available for planting. Around 60 volunteers will be helping.

Long Term Tree Planting- No decision has been made as to when the long-term planting will take place because it is tied in with when the Township will get credit toward MS4. Ms. Salvati and Mr. Bray will try to get a firm planting date from Mr. Majewski at the next day's meeting.

Status of Tree Bank Money Owed – Mrs. Blundi was not in attendance to report on this matter. Ms. Baus will follow up.

Land Use Plans – There was discussion of, and agreement with, Mr. Dresser's comments regarding Prickett's Run.

Basin Naturalization – There is no update on this project.

Volunteer Programs – Ms. Baus reported on her conversation with Mike Thompson regarding the Growing Greener Program. He reported that about 60 people have signed up for the upcoming lecture on stream assessment. Ms. Baus will follow up with him to get the date of the lecture. Mr. Thompson indicated that they still have not received the plan from Remington Vernick.

Recycling –

Styrofoam – Mr. Dresser has finalized the flyer for the styrofoam collection on January 4. He will post them after December 8. He also drafted a list of possible ways to publicize this, and future, events. Mrs. Bray will add to the list and send it to the EAC members for their suggestions. Mr. Gallen suggested that we ask our trash haulers to put the styrofoam flyers in with their bills.

TerraCycle – Mrs. Bray spoke about a TerraCycle program that would allow residents to recycle many kinds of small electronic gadgets. She and Mr. Dresser did a write up and hope to have it approved by the Township.

Plastic Bags – Mrs. Bray will make copies of the “turtle” flyer and post them in places where they can stay as a reminder to residents, such as grocery stores. She asked for suggestions for other locations.

E-Waste Recycling - Mr. Bortman had suggested that May would be a good time to hold our next e-waste recycling event.

Lecture Series -

Mr. Bray provided an update on offering a lecture on invasive insects and plants. This may be a topic for a Spring lecture, possibly in April. Mr. Bray will check with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the Master Gardener Network to find an appropriate speaker.

Ms. Baus is putting together some information on the Spotted Lantern Fly. She will distribute it to the group when it is complete.

Newsletter – Some topics that were suggested for the next newsletter were tree planting, the Fungi film, Spotted Lantern Fly and energy conservation.

Odds and Ends –

Mr. Gallen provided an update on the Ready for 100 Program sponsored by the Sierra Club. The program is making headway in their goal of 100% clean, renewable energy in the US by 2035. Mr. Gallen is attending their monthly meetings in Doylestown.

Mr. Bray mentioned the Cool Cities Program as it applies to LMT and Mr. Gallen offered to look further into the review program and provide a summary.

Ms. Salvati will follow up with Mr. Ferguson regarding the status of the use of the weed killer, Glysophate, in the Township.

Mr. Bray is waiting to hear back about a possible nominee for the Environmental Stewardship Award. The award should be announced at the December Supervisors meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the November 13, 2019 meeting of the EAC was adjourned at 9pm. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on December 11 at 7:30pm in the LMT Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Baus, Chairwoman

