

Lower Makefield Township  
Environmental Advisory Council

December 17, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda Salvati, Chairperson; Jim Bray; Soumya Dharmavaram; Alan Dresser; Kevin Gallen; Paul Roden; Fred Weiss, BOS Liaison

The December 12, 2020 meeting of the EAC was held on Zoom, due to restrictions brought on by the Covid19 virus. Ms. Salvati called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Approval of November 17, 2020 Minutes** – Ms. Salvati moved to approve the November 17, 2020 minutes as presented, Mr. Roden seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously. Ms. Salvati will forward the approved copy to the EAC and the Township staff.

**Tree Planting 2021 Locations** – There was a discussion on plantings trees at in three locations in the spring of 2021 at Patterson Farm. It was suggested that the plantings along the creeks at Patterson Farm will help with bank erosion and reduce farm fertilizer and herbicides from entering the creeks by creating a riparian buffer. There was some discussion about the LMT long term tree plan and other possible tree planting locations in LMT. Jim Majewski has suggested planting trees along Rock Run at Charles Boehm School, between the ballfields. There are significant bank erosion problems there. Mr. Dresser will draft a letter to Mr. Ferguson with approximately five suggested tree planting locations in the spring and fall of 2021.

**Arboretum at Memorial Park** – Mr. Bray will contact Ms. Tierney early in 2021 to discuss planting the two replacement trees.

**Land Use Plans** -

**Prickett Preserve** – A revised preliminary/final plan was submitted to the Township on December 11. Mr. Dresser reported that the developer had also submitted responses to EAC's Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> comment letter, as well as all other comments submitted by others (Township Engineer, CTC, etc). The applicant's responses to the specific EAC comments ranged from responsive (pervious pavement, clock tower, electric car charging stations) to unresponsive (tree replacement ord. waiver, number of parking spaces/requested shared parking analysis, address Stony Hill-Langhorne Rd intersection congestion). He indicated that a new EAC comment letter will have to be drafted based on the revised plans.

Mr. Dresser asked Ms. Salvati and Mr. Bray to look at the landscaping section of the plans to ensure no non- native plants are included. They will get back to Mr. Dresser in two weeks.

**Recycling** –

**Styrofoam Collection Event** – The January 9 event will run from 10am-Noon in the parking lot of the LMT Administrative Building. Neither the Stray Cat Project nor the Cub Scout holiday light collection will be joining us. Mr. Dresser will remind Mr. Bortman a week before the event. Two Exact Solar vans are expected.

Pizza Box recycling – Mrs. Bray has not been able to connect with Kristin Schoenleber. She will follow up in the near future.

Lecture Series – Mr. Bray will move forward on the lecture when it can be held in person, probably in Fall 2021.

Webpage/Newsletter/Every Bit Counts – Mrs. Dharmavaram and Mr. Roden will do articles on the styrofoam collection, lantern flies, and include pictures from the tree planting. Ms. Salvati will find out if the Township has taken any steps to manage the lantern flies. Mr. Dresser said he had sent a note to the Township about the flies.

Environmental Stewardship Award – Mr. Bray thinks that the BOS February or March meeting might be the best time to schedule the presentation of the Award to Mark Bortman at Exact Solar. He will give the BOS plenty of notice.

Parks and Recreation Certification – Ms. Salvati and Mr. Dresser will add a few items to the write-up Mr. Bray had provided and Ms. Salvati will send the finished product to Ms. Tierney.

Odds& Ends – Mr. Gallen spoke about Ready for 100. Dr. Weiss suggested that Mr. Gallen schedule his presentation to the BOS for the January 20 meeting.

Mr. Dresser asked if the EAC wanted to have an article in the Yardley Voice about the work that they do. The cost is \$75. It was agreed that it was a good idea. Mr. Dresser will write the article.

With no further business to discuss, the December 17, 2020 meeting of the EAC was adjourned at 5:50 pm. The date of the next meeting of the EAC is to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Salvati, Chairperson