

**Lower Makefield Township**  
**Environmental Advisory Council**

July 7, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda Salvati, Chair; Alan Dresser, Co-Chair; James Bray; Soumya Dharmavaram. Also in attendance was Lee Pedowicz, an LMT resident

Ms. Salvati asked for a motion to call the July 7, 2022 EAC meeting to order. Mr. Dresser moved to open the meeting, Mr. Bray seconded the motion and the hybrid EAC meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

**Review/Approval of June 9, 2022 Minutes** - The June minutes will be reviewed and approved at next month's meeting.

**Invasive Species Ordinance** – Ms. Salvati emailed Mr. Majewski but hasn't heard back from him.

**Fall Tree Planting 2022** – Ms. Salvati said she is waiting to get the Mirror Lake Road CAD files from Mr. Majewski. These files will provide information on how many trees could be planted and where they should be planted. Mrs. Dharmavaram discussed the possibility of digging a swale in the area where the trees would be planted. Mr. Dresser will run that idea by Mr. Majewski.

Kids Kingdom planting - there is no new information from Fernbrook about cost or availability of trees. It was suggested that 25 trees might be appropriate.

These two projects will not be volunteer plantings. Ms. Salvati indicated that they cannot move forward with either of these projects until there is information from Mr. Majewski and Fernbrook.

**Land Use** –

1566 Subdivision – Mr. Dresser had provided the developer with four comments. The developer has objected to planting the 754 replacement trees on the grounds that there is not enough room for them all to be planted. Mr. Dresser said that there is enough space to plant them, but, if they prefer not to, they can instead put the money in the tree bank, as allowed in the Tree Ordinance. Mr. Dresser offered an alternative, i.e., that they (plant 350 replacement trees, agree to not further subdivide the 14 acre lot #7, and put a conservation easements on 3.5 acres of wetlands and wetland buffers). Mr. Dresser asked for the okay to send out the comment letter and all were in favor. Mr. Dresser believes that this project will be going before the Planning Commission soon.

Quarry Road and Lindenhurst Road – This project involves three acres and an existing house. The plan calls for fixing up the existing house and adding two other houses. Mr.

Dresser did not have any environmental concerns except for trees. Comments are due on August 1. He will determine if the EAC should comment

Mr. Dresser drafted comments on how the Township can strengthen the Township Stormwater Management Ordinances. These suggestions were based on PA DEP Stormwater Ordinance. The Township will be voting on this in September.

**Plastic Bag Reduction** – Mr. Rank had sent an email to the Board of Supervisors, asking for their input but did not get a response before he left. As Ms. Blundi was not at the meeting, there was no update on this project. It was thought that Mr. Gallen might be taking over this project from Mr. Rank. Mrs. Dharmavaram offered to work with Mr. Gallen.

**Recycling Event** – Mr. Dresser asked that the next event be held on October 29. The members agreed. Advertising for the event will begin in mid-September.

**Recycling in the Parks** – Mr. Rank had been working with Mr. Sanderson, a member of the Pennsbury School Board, on this project. Mr. Sanderson sent an update and said that the Superintendent has agreed to commit to a 6 point waste reduction program across the Pennsbury School District. Mr. Dresser will send the email from Mr. Sanderson to the EAC and the project will be on the agenda in August.

**EAC Lecture Series** – Ms. Salvati, Ms. Tierney and Mr. Pedowicz have been talking about the program that Mr. Pedowicz has offered to present. Ms. Salvati will discuss dates with Ms. Tierney. Mr. Pedowicz mentioned that he would prefer to meet in person and all agreed that the format should be two 1-hour lectures.

**Rain Barrels** – Ms. Salvati reported that Aqua PA has donated some funds to the Township for a sustainability project, specifically based on water conservation. Some of the funds will be used for rain barrels. There was discussion of the need to include education with any distribution of rain barrels.

**Play for All** – Mr. Dresser will get the draft comments out before the next meeting. He noted that the Township is focusing primarily on Macclesfield, Snipes and working with Pennsbury School District on finding additional fields.

**Odds and Ends** – Mrs. Dharmavaram reported that a resident had expressed concern that invasive species keep getting planted on Township property. This is a follow up on the boy scouts planting non-natives on LMT property. It turned out that the boy scouts were not doing new planting but rather replanting existing plants at different locations. Ms Blundi will follow up.

Community Day is August 27. Whether the EAC is participating will be decided at the August meeting.

With no more business to discuss, the EAC meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be August 4.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Salvati, Chairperson