

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council

June 9, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Present: Alan Dresser, Co-Chair; James Bray; Soumya Dharmavaram; Kevin Gallen; Jonah Rank; Linda Salvati, Co-Chair ; Suzanne Blundi, BOS Liaison

Also in attendance was Lee Pedowicz, an LMT resident

Mr. Dresser asked for a motion to call the June 9, 2022 EAC meeting to order. Mr. Bray moved to open the meeting, Mr. Rank seconded the motion and the hybrid EAC meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

Review/Approval of May 5, 2022 Minutes - The first order of business was approval of the May 5, 2022 EAC minutes. Mr. Dresser asked if there were any comments or changes for the minutes. There being none, Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Salvati seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Invasive Species Ordinance – There was no update on this item.

Tree Planting 2022 Locations - Mr. Bray spoke about the planned planting of two replacement trees in the Compass Arboretum. Ms. Blundi asked how he plans to get the trees watered given the time of year and fact that the Township is short-staffed. Mr. Bray will coordinate with Ms. Tierney and look into the question of watering the trees.

An EAC coordinated tree planting at Patterson Farm between Buck Creek and Mirror Lake Road is tentatively planned for October. Mr. Dresser asked Ms. Salvati how the site looks for tree planting. Ms. Salvati said that the two nurseries can't confirm the availability of tree types/sizes until towards the end of July.

Land Use Plans

1566 LLC Subdivision - Mr. Dresser reported that a revised preliminary/Final development plan has been submitted for this 21.7 acre site. He is working on the comments on this new plan and share them with the group. Comments are due by July 7. He asked Ms. Salvati and Mr. Bray to look at the landscaping plans.

Prickett Preserve – The development agreement was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 18th. The developer owes approximately \$380,000 to the tree bank.

1101 Big Oak Road – This is a 5.75 acre site near Bohm Middle School that has one existing house on it. The township expects development plans to be submitted in the near future with an unknown number of new houses.

Plastic Bag Reduction – Ms. Blundi said the Supervisors made some changes to the letter Mr. Rank had drafted but it had not yet been sent to the Governor, State Senator Santarsiero and State Representatives Perry. Ms. Blundi will follow up

Recycling – Mr. Dresser reported that the May 21st collection event went very well. A 10 ft rental truck was more than filled with Styrofoam and taken to RayBob's Packaging in Bristol. Lots of batteries, corks, and prescription bottles were also collected. There was discussion of the best date for the next event in the fall (Sept. 17, Oct. 22, or Oct. 29). A decision will be made at the August meeting.

Mr. Rank reached out to Monica T of Parks and Rec about coordinating recycling efforts with the Pennsbury Schools. He has not received a response.

EAC Lecture Series – Mrs. Dhamavaram has nothing new to report on the potential rain barrel lecture.

Mr. Bray has had trouble getting through to the lecturer on "What's Bugging Our Trees". He will give an update next meeting.

Mr. Pedowicz was in attendance to present his idea for an EAC lecture on electrical generation transmission and renewables, he has taught a class on these issues at Temple University. Mr. Dresser suggested that he come up with an outline for two sessions. There were additional suggestions that he should change it a little for the lay person, that the sessions be an hour long, and that it be given on two consecutive Thursday nights, possibly in October. We will have to check the availability of the room in the Community Center. We will look at possible dates at the July meeting.

Mr. Dresser asked if we should have EAC meetings in July and August and it was agreed that we should. He also asked if we should have a table at Community Day. That will be decided at our July meeting.

Open Discussion – EAC member Jonah Rank and his family will be moving out of the area around the end of June. In the time he has been with us Jonah has been a major contributor and his enthusiasm for fostering a healthy environment has infected all of us. Along with their thanks for his contributions the EAC wished Jonah and his family good luck in all their future endeavors. An EAC comment letter on the Township's Play for All document and its steps forward will be drafted.

With no more business to discuss, the EAC meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM. The next meetings of the EAC will be July 7 and August 4.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Co-Chairperson