

**Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

March 3, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

Ms. Salvati called the Zoom EAC meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The first order of business was approval of the February 3, 2022 EAC minutes. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Rank seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Ms. Salvati will forward the minutes to the Township tomorrow.

Invasive Species Ordinance – Ms. Salvati has not heard back from Mr. Majewski on the latest draft of the ordinance so there is no update.

Tree Planting 2022 Locations – Mr. Dresser said that a letter on tree planting was sent to the Supervisors on February 4. Ms. Blundi will follow up. She will also follow up on the purchase of riparian buffer signs. Ms. Blundi indicated that the three tree plantings managed by the Township and contracted out will nevertheless requires some work by Township personnel.

Mr. Bray is hoping that there will be a spring planting of the 3 replacement trees in the Compass Arboretum at Memorial Park. He has talked to Fernbrook Nursery, which will provide the trees and forwarded the information to Lynn Todd, who will prepare the purchase order.

Land Use Plans –

1566 LLC Subdivision – Mr. Dresser forwarded the EAC's February 15, 2022 comment letter on this project to the Township.

Sandy Run Road - Mr. Dresser visited a 8.8 acre wooded property that is for sale on Sandy Run Road. Brock Creek runs through the lot. The approved plans are to build a single house though the buyer may try to put two homes or more. He will keep an eye on it to see if it sells.

Recycling – The next Styrofoam/battery/wine cork/prescription bottle recycling event was discussed. It will occur sometime the weekend of May 21-22.

With regard to the Park and Recs recycling plan, Ms. Tierney plans to discuss her updated plan at the May EAC meeting.

Plastic Bag Reduction – There was a discussion on the draft EAC letter recommending the County require stores charge a fee for single-use plastic bags. The letter will be sent to the County Commissioners from the BOS. A motion was made by Mr. Bray that the letter, with amendments, be sent to the Supervisors. Mr. Dresser seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Environmental Stewardship Award – Mr. Bray asked that the EAC members give some thought to nominees for this year’s award.

Odds and Ends – Mrs. Dharmavaram reported on a Spring Native Plant project that she is working on. Mrs. Dharmavaram has connected with four Lower Makefield residents with notable Native Plant Gardens on their properties. These four will give a Zoom presentation on the environmental and aesthetic benefits of their gardens. An upcoming date for the presentation is being decided upon.

Money from Sewer System Sale – Mr. Bray moved to send the Supervisors the EAC letter with six suggested uses to the money from the sale of the sewer system. Mr. Rank seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. The letter dated March 7, 2022 will be sent out.

April 7 meeting – The Earth Day event on April 23 at Core Creek Park will be on our April agenda, as well as a discussion of the Snipes Tract.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Bray made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Rank seconded the motion and the vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous. The March 3 meeting of the EAC was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on Zoom on April 7 at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Salvati, Co-Chairperson