

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council

March 9, 2023 Meeting

Present: Alan Dresser, Co-Chair; Dan Grenier, BOS Liaison; James Bray; Kevin Gallen; Linda Salvati. Also in attendance was Mr. Majewski, Lower Makefield Township's Director of Community Development and Doug Marshall, LMT resident

Mr. Dresser called the hybrid meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The first order of business was review and approval of the February 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Because there were only three members attending had also attended the February 9 EAC meeting approval of the minutes was delayed until the April meeting.

Land Use Plans

1101 Big Oak Road – The development was approved at the Feb. 13 Planning Commission meeting with the condition that the landscaping plan be revised and approved by the Township Engineer and Jim Majewski with input from the EAC. A revised preliminary/final plan (dated Feb. 24th) was submitted along with a Supplemental Arborist Report. The EAC had issues with the latest landscape plan. Of the 205 replacement trees, 145 shrubs, 60 understory trees, and no shade trees are proposed. There were also major issues with the Supplemental Arborist Report, such as the definition of a hazardous tree among others. Mr. Majewski said that in the spring the Township will send a tree expert out to determine the health of the trees. An new EAC review letter on the revised landscaping plan and Supplemental Arborist Report will be drafted. In public comment Doug Marshall, LMT resident, expressed his concerns about the landscaping plan and the Arborist Report.

1566 LLC Subdivision (near Yardley-Newtown Rd./Creamery Road intersection) – The EAC's Feb. 10 comment letter on the final plan was submitted. The letter encouraged that the replacement tree ordinance be followed. The Final Plan is expected to go before the BOS in the near future for approval.

Future Tree Planting Locations

It was noted that the BOS had approved planting 30 red maple trees along Mirror Lake Road at Patterson Farm and the trees have already been planted. There is currently \$350,000 in the Tree Bank so the EAC discussed submitting a letter to the BOS recommending additional tree planting locations. A draft of this letter will be discussed at the next meeting. A tour of potential tree planting sites in LMT was taken on March 5 with EAC members, Jim Majewski, and a member of the Farmland Preservation Comm.

Recycling

The next EAC recycling event is on April 22 (Earth Day) between 10 – noon at the Township Building. Mr. Dresser will send a copy of the flyer to Mrs. Dharmavaram so she can publicize it. He also noted that an email should go out to the EAC's e-mail list.

Mr. Gallen reported that a Sustainability Meeting was being held by the Pennsbury School District on March 22.

Mr. Dresser reported that the *EAC 2023 Recycling Guide* was complete. Copies were placed for the public at the Township Building and the Community Center. Copies will be handed out at the April 22 recycling event. Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Dresser to send a copy to the Township Manager, Mrs. Tierney (Park & Rec) and Mr. Majewski.

Proposed LMT Ordinance Revisions

There are no new developments concerning the proposed ordinance changes to require open space be set aside as part of residential development and to allow naturalized home landscaping.

2023 Environmental Lecture Series

Mr. Bray spoke about a lecture on Monarch Butterflies that he had seen at Bowmans Wildflower Preserve. He suggested that it would be an appropriate choice for the Environmental Lecture series. He had spoken to Mike Weilbacher and learned that his fee would be \$200. There was agreement on pursuing this as our next lecture and Mr. Bray will try to find a date in June that will work for all parties.

Sustainability Certification - _nothing new

Odds and Ends

There was no new information on the Macclesfield Park Steering Committee or the Food Collection Project as Mr. Farrell was not able to attend the meeting.

There was also no update on the Patterson/Ad Hoc Property Committee.

The next hybrid meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on April 19th at 6pm.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Dresser moved to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Dresser, Co-Chair