Lower Makefield Township

Environmental Advisory Council

July 13, 2023 Meeting

Present: Alan Dresser, Co-Chair; James Bray; Matthew Farrell, Co-Chair; Kevin Gallen; Paul Roden; Linda Salvati.

Mr. Dresser called the meeting to order at 6PM The first order of business was review of the June 8 EAC minutes. Because there was not a quorum at that time, it was agreed that the June minutes would be approved at the August meeting.

**Fall Tree Plantings and 2024 Long Range Tree Planting Plan Update –** Mr. Dresser said the Township is looking for comments on the RFP for a new long-range tree planting plan from the EAC. Mr. Bray added that they need to find someone to design the overall plan. Mr. Bray suggested that the EAC should tell Township Manager Kratzer that they don’t have any comments on the RFP for a new plan but are available to help review any proposals submitted to the Township.

**Recycling** –

Fall Recycling Event – Mr. Dresser reported on the next recycling event, scheduled for October 28. He asked for volunteers and noted that he would reach out to the Lions Club, who helped at the previous event, in the event more volunteers are needed.

Recycling in LMT Schools – There was no new information on the Pennsbury School District’s Sustainability Committee.

EAC’s 2023 Recycling Guide – Mr. Farrell reported that he had received three emails on the guide and would be adding to the guide the information on a business in Bristol that accepts and recycles broken and out of date electronic products, called E-Waste Experts. Mr. Dresser requested that the Guide be updated by October 28 so we can hand out copies at the recycling event.

**Proposed LMT Ordinance Revisions Update** – Mr. Dresser said that there is no new information since the BOS voted on June 7 to advertise a revised version of the Zoning Ordinance and voted on June 21 to advertise a revised SALDO ordinance.

**Land Use Plans** – There is no update on the 1566LLC Subdivision or the Torbert Farm Development. On the Point/Troilo, Edgewood Village project, there is nothing new since the EAC submitted their comments on June 9.

**EAC’s Open Space Referendum Recommendation Letter of June 15, 2023** – Mr. Dresser r’d only one response on the letter from a supervisors (Weiss) that was not favorable. He will try to follow up on this with Supervisor Grenier to find out what the other supervisors think. Give the time deadlines, a Open Space Referendum will probably not be on the November ballot.

**Newsletter** – Mr. Roden said that he will publish a newsletter in the Fall.

**EAC Webpage Update Project** – Mrs. Dharmavaram was not in attendance to speak to this matter.

**Odds and Ends** –

Proposed Revision to 178-84 – Linda will contact Jim Majewski about the status.

Audubon Birdtown Program – No new information at this time.

Macclesfield Park Steering Committee Update – Mr. Farrell said there are three different plans being considered.

Patterson Farm/Ad Hoc Property Committee – Mr. Gallen reported that they had held a public forum which was very well attended. Mr. Dresser said he thought the end date for a report from the committee was in September.

**Open Discussion –**

Mr. Gallen raised the question of volunteers for the August Community Day in LMT. He will take responsibility for finding volunteers.

Mr. Bray talked about the Monarch Butterfly lecture on June 10. While it was a success on most levels, there could have been more attendees. He will be looking for future lectures to be held at a different time of the year (i.e., not summer). He will look into whether Who’s Bugging Our Trees is still a viable lecture.

Mr. Farrell spoke about the need for more and safer bike paths. Mr. Bray suggested he talk to Mr. Majewski about that.

With no more business to discuss, Mr. Dresser asked for a call to adjourn. Mr. Roden called for the meeting to adjourn, Mr. Bray seconded the motion and all were in favor. The next EAC meeting will be held on August 10th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Co-Chair