

LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

Present: James Bray, Chair; Alan Dresser; Kevin Gallen; Paul Roden

Also in attendance was LMT resident, Charles Johnsrud

The first order of business was review and approval of the EAC August 8 meeting minutes. They were approved unanimously.

**2024 Long Range Master Tree Plan** – Mr. Bray reported that the 2024 long Range Master Tree Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors at their September 4, 2024 meeting. Also, fall tree plantings this year were approved at the Makefield Highlands Golf Course and Macclesfield Park.

**Recycling** – The next Lower Makefield Township EAC Styrofoam/pill bottles/corks/batteries event will take place in the Township parking lot on October 26 from 10AM-Noon.

**Single Trash Hauler** – Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser are working on generating a report for the Supervisors on this subject. Mr. Bray is contacting LMT haulers on their practices and Mr. Dresser is contacting nearby municipalities with contracted trash hauling. A study on having contracted trash hauling in LMT was presented to the Supervisors in 2008-2009 but was dropped due to a mis-information campaign by one of the trash haulers. The report will involve only residential, not commercial, entities.

**Bird Town – EAC** – Three Bird Town PA events are scheduled for the Fall:

- There will be a Bird Town PA table at Yardley's Harvest Day on Sept. 21 10AM-5PM
- A Hummingbird Workshop at the LMT Community Ctr. on Sept. 28, from 10-11AM
- A repeat of the very popular Falconry Event will be held on Oct.5 at 3PM at Memorial Park

**Proposed Single Use Plastics Ban** – This project will be addressed later in the Fall.

**Update on Land Use Plans** – There has been no new activity on Land Use.

**EAC Lecture Series** – Mr. Bray will be researching doing an updated lecture for Bird Town, LMT and possibly Bowman's Wildflower Preserve on LMT's Native Plant Ordinance.

**Tree City USA** – LMT has one more step to fulfill the application process to become a Tree City USA. The last application requirement is to hold an Arbor Day Celebration where an Arbor Day proclamation is read by the BOS Chair and/or the twp. Mgr. The celebration will also include a tree planting and will acknowledge the approval of LMT's impressive 2024 Long Range Master Tree Plan.

**Model Energy Ordinance** –Recommendations from the EAC have been sent to Twp. Administration as well as to the LMT Planning Comm. Mr. Bray also thanked Mr. Gallen for his work on the project.

**Open Space Funding Ballot Referendum** – A Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> ballot referendum that would authorize the Supervisors to spend up to \$15 million on open space was passed by the Board of Supervisors at their 7-17-24 meeting. The EAC has written several letters to the BOS encouraging them to take this action.

**Newsletter** – Mr. Roden will be sending out a newsletter to promote the Humming Bird lecture on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, the Falconry Exhibition on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and the Styrofoam Recycling event on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Discussion** – Mr. Johnsrud asked who is working on stormwater. Mr. Bray explained that there is an outside consultant (HRG Consultants) working on drafting a new stormwater ordinance for LMT. Mr. Johnsrud said that the Silver Lake Association has an interest in collaborating with the EAC on some issues concerning Silver Lake. Mr. Bray asked Mr. Johnsrud to bring those issues to the attention of the township and to stay in touch with the EAC.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Bray called the meeting to adjourn. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for October 10 at 6PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Bray, Chair