Lower Makefield Township

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

October 10, 2024

Present: In Person - Jim Bray, Chair; Soumya Dharmavaram; Kevin Gallen; Paul Roden; Dominique Mitchell, Alternate Member – On Zoom – Alan Dresser, Vice-Chair

The first order of business was review and approval of the October 10, 2024 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2024 Long-Range Master Tree Plan – The Long Range Master Tree Plan was approved by the BOS on 8-7-24. The successful bidder for the 2024 Fall Planting was M&S Erosion Control at \$61,871. Planting will start at various locations in the near future. The LMT EAC will work with the LMT Admin. and keep an exact record of the plantings by location and species.

<u>Recycling</u> – The next Styrofoam/Pill Bottle/Cork/Battery recycling event will be held on October 26, 2024 from 10AM to Noon in front of the Lower Makefield Township Building. Volunteers are always welcome.

<u>Single Trash Hauler Analysis</u> – A draft analysis will be completed in the near future.

<u>Bird Town PA</u> – There were two Bird Town events held in Lower Makefield in the Fall. One was a lecture on hummingbirds which was held at the LMT Community Center on September 28 and the other was a Falconry Exhibition on October 5. Both were well-received and attended. To make sure you don't miss any of these wonderful bird programs, send your email address to jjyardley56@gmail.com.

<u>Proposed Single Use Plastics Ban</u> – This project will be discussed after the single trash hauler presentation, which should be at the end of December.

Update on Land Use Plans – There has been no activity on this item.

EAC Lecture Series - - Plans are being made for a winter lecture series that would include the EAC and LMT Bird Town.

<u>Tree City USA</u> – On November 9, there will be an Arbor Day celebration as the last step that LMT has to take to become a Tree City in the Spring. There will be a tree planting in front of the LMT Township Building with Township staff, committees and volunteers at 10 AM and all residents are welcome to attend.

Open Space Recommendations and Ballot Referendum – The Board of Supervisors voted at their July 17, 2024 meeting to place this Referendum on the ballot for the upcoming November 5th election.

EAC and Township Newsletters – Newsletters will be sent out inviting all residents to attend the upcoming Arbor Day Celebration on Nov. 9, 2024

Odds and Ends – EAC web page

With no further business to discuss, the October 10, 2024 EAC meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be an in-person meeting on November 14 at 6PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, Chair