

**LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**February 13, 2025 Meeting**

Present: James Bray, Chair; Alan Dresser, Vice Chair; John Lewis, Supervisor Liaison; Cheryl Coffee; Kevin Gallen; Dominique Mitchell; Paul Roden

Mr. Bray called the meeting to order at 6PM. He noted that the meeting is an in-person meeting, with exceptions made for members who could not make it in person.

The first order of business was review and approval of the January 9, 2025 minutes. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the minutes as written and the January 9, 2025 minutes were approved unanimously.

**Long Range Master Tree Plan** - Mr. Bray said he is working with Mr. Majewski on the upcoming LMT spring planting of trees, locations and number of trees in particular. He is waiting for information and will let the group know when it is available.

**Recycling**- The next Styrofoam/corks/batteries/pill bottles Spring recycling event is tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2025.

**Single Trash Hauler**- The EAC has proposed March 5 BOS meeting as a possible time to discuss the Single Trash Hauler project. Mr. Dresser will send a drafted power point presentation to Supervisor Lewis for his review. Because of her industry background member Cheryl Coffee was asked to be a member of the EAC party that will be presenting the EAC report "Trash Hauling Options in LMT" to the BOS.

**Bird Town** – Mrs. Bray reported that the Township staff, Katie McVan and Kellie Frain, had posted a photo and write-up on February's Bird of the Month (Bald Eagle) on the LMT website under Information.

**Update on Land Use Plans-**

Wright Farm – EAC comments on the 2<sup>nd</sup> revision to the 47 house development were submitted in a Feb. 7, 2025 letter. The Planning Commission discussed the development at their Feb. 10 meeting. Several of the EAC concerns were covered, including the need for vegetative buffers around the development. The Farmland Preservation Corp. opposes these buffers. The Planning Comm. generally took the EAC's position on buffers.

Torbert Farm – A 2<sup>nd</sup> revision to the Torbert Farm 78 house development was r'd by the Township on Feb. 10. Comments on this plan are due March 10. It will likely be discussed by the Planning Commission at their March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Shady Brook Farm Master Plan – The extensive development being planned at the Shady Brook Farm as detailed in their master plan was discussed.

**Proposed Single Use Plastic Ban** – The Single use plastics ban, which is a topic of interest to the LMT EAC, will be introduced to the Board of Supervisors after the Single Trash Hauler Presentation. Mr. Bray mentioned that the EAC is hoping to bring a presentation to the Township on Microplastics.

**EAC Lecture Series** – Mr. Bray asked for volunteers to sign people in at the upcoming Valentines Day Lecture. There was a discussion of other, possible lectures/events.

**Updated Publicity List** – Mrs. Mitchell reported that she had generated a new comprehensive contact list to be used when there is a need for us to publicize an event or other information. We expect that this will help to increase the numbers of attendees to our events.

**Last Arbor Day Plaque Preparation** – Mr. Bray reported that this plaque should be finished in a week or two.

**April 26, 2025 Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration** – Mr. Bray asked the members to consider a group to whom they think the tree should be dedicated. It was agreed that there are many organizations that have served the Township well and that the decision will not be an easy one.

**2024 Environmental Stewardship Award Plaque and Award Ceremony** – Mr. Bray reported that the plaque is almost finished and will be ready in time for the award ceremony.

**EAC and Township Newsletters** – Mr. Roden and Supervisor Lewis will be working together to discuss a new mail server that will be easier to use.

### **Odds and Ends -**

**Stormwater Management Ord. Changes** - With the help of the consultant HRG, LMT's Stormwater Mgt. Ordinances are being updated and improved. Phase 1 of these changes were adopted in 2024. Phase 2 of possible changes to these ordinances have been discussed in the last 6 month with a provisional stormwater management ordinance committee of which EAC Vice Chair Alan Dresser is a member. The proposed changes are almost complete and will be voted on by the BOS for advertisement in the near future.

**Solar** – Kevin will get together with Twp. Mgr. Kratzer to discuss the possibility of bringing Solar to LMT.

**EAC Newsletter Server** – We are having trouble with our current server. Spvr. Lewis works in the industry and is willing to work with EAC Member Paul Roden to help us with our issues.

**Pipeline Safety** – Because of the proximity of the Upper Makefield underground oil pipe leak to LMT the issue was discussed.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Bray called the EAC meeting to an end at 7:00 PM. The next EAC meeting will be held in person on March 13, 2025, at 6PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Bray, Chair