

LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 10, 2025

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

Mr. Bray called the April 10, 2025 EAC meeting to order at 6:06PM. The first order of business was review and approval of the March 13, 2025 EAC meeting minutes. Mr. Dresser moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Coffee seconded the motion and all approved the minutes.

2024 Long-Range Master Tree Plan – Mr. Bray addressed the plan for spring and fall tree plantings and indicated that Mr. Majewski will have cost for spring plantings shortly. The plan is to plant 40 or 50 trees in the Spring and more than 150 in the fall.

Recycling – Mr. Dresser reported that the next Styrofoam (plus corks, batteries, pill bottles} event will be held on May 17, 2025, in the parking lot of the Lower Makefield Township Administrative Building, from 9AM-Noon.

Single Trash Hauler Analysis – At the March 19th BOS meeting, Mr. Bray, Ms. Coffee and Mr. Dresser gave a presentation regarding current LMT trash hauling system and other options that would improve it. A contracted trash hauler system for LMT was determined to be the best. The attendees at the meeting were primarily McCullogh Trash Hauler customers who were sent an email from the company on this issue beforehand. During the comment period they were disruptive and stated many incorrect facts on the issue. The EAC is of the opinion that contracted hauling will bring many financial and environmental benefits to the township. A discussion occurred on how to proceed. Mr. Lewis and others offered ideas and suggestions, Ms. Coffee suggesting that all the trash haulers be invited to a future EAC meeting.

Investigation of Possible LMT Chicken Ordinance – There was no report on a possible ordinance. Mr. Gallen will have a report ready for the next EAC meeting.

Bird Town PA – Mrs. Bray said she has been working with other organizations and municipalities on Bird Town PA projects, including placing three bird boxes for Prothonotary Warblers on LMT property along the canal; sharing a table with Yardley Bird Town PA at the Farmers Market in May; sharing a table with Yardley Borough in September at their Harvest Day. And on May 3 we will be holding a bird-friendly presentation called “Aark in the Park” at 10am at the Memorial Park. All are welcome.

Update on Land Use Plans – Mr. Dresser reported that a 3rd revision of the Wright Farm Development Plans has been submitted to the Township. The new plan has added a vegetative

buffer and street trees between the development and Yardley-Newtown Rd, something highly recommended in the EAC's Feb. 7, 2025 comment letter. A new EAC comment letter on this 3rd revision to the plan is being drafted.

Open Space – Mr. Dresser reported on a request from LMT residents to purchase 3.5 acres on 136 Old Oxford Valley Road. A 16 townhome development has been proposed at the site. The advantages and disadvantages of the township's purchase of the property was discussed.

Proposed Single Use Plastics Ban – Mr. Bray expressed a strong interest in being able to move forward on this project. He reported that 40% of the people in the US are covered by a single plastic ban. We will be in-touch with BOS personnel to see if we can schedule an informational presentation at an upcoming BOS meeting,

EAC Lecture Series – Mr. Bray asked for volunteers for three EAC upcoming lectures – Rain Gardens from 10 - 11am at the LMT Administrative Building on April 12th; Aark in the Park on May 3rd from 10-11am in Memorial Park; and Microplastics on May 31st from 10-11am at the LMT Administration Building.

Updated Publicity List – Mr. Bray thanked Mrs. Mitchell for her work in completing the publicity list; it has been a big help in getting the word out for lectures and other programs. We have been happy to share it with our surrounding municipalities and organizations.

April 26, 2025 Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration – The tree will be planted and dedicated to our local firefighters in an Arbor Day Celebration. All are welcome to join the event at 10am near the intersection of Edgewood Rd/Oxford Valley Rd.

2024 Environmental Stewardship Award Plaque and Award Ceremony – The award was presented at the March 19th BOS meeting. The ceremony went well. The Pennsbury H.S. Key Club, Environmental Club and UNICEF Club were honored for collecting, cleaning and sending 1000's of pill bottles to developing countries around the world. Student Naima Doraiswamy was honored and recognized with a letter for her leadership in the process.

EAC and Township Newsletters – Mr. Roden will send the newsletters out shortly.

LMT Stormwater Management Ordinance – Phase 2 of the proposed changes to LMT's stormwater management ordinance will be voted on by the BOS at their April 16th meeting. The EAC recommends a "yes" vote.

Bringing Solar Power to LMT – Mr. Gallen is waiting for feedback from the administration.

Odds and Ends - Park and Rec. Director M. Tierney asked the EAC to look into the possibility of adding a recycling web page from a Pennsbury High school student to the EAC Website.

With no more business to discuss, Mr. Bray adjourned the meeting at 7:25PM. The next EAC meeting will be held on May 8, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted

James Bray, Chairman