

**LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Jim Bray, Chair; Alan Dresser, Vice Chair (virtual); Cheryl Coffee; Soumya Dharmavaram; Dominique Mitchell; Elizabeth Quigley, Alternate Member; Paul Roden; Eleanor Turner; John Lewis, Supervisor Liaison

Mr. Bray called the November 13, 2025 EAC meeting to order at 6PM.

Review/Approval of September 11 and October 9, 2025 Minutes – The first order of business was approval of the September and October 2025 minutes. A motion to approve was entertained and the minutes were approved.

EAC Project Assignments – Mr. Bray spoke to Ms. Coffee about taking over the Heritage Tree Ordinance as her EAC Project. He will send her the Tree Ordinance and other information and they will get together to discuss before the Dec. EAC Mtg.

LMT EAC Tree Tender Group – Adopting either a Tree Tenders group or Shade Tree Commission was the subject of the other project assignment. With all the trees, shrubs and plants being planted, help is needed to keep them all healthy and watered. Mr. Bray is leaning toward a Tree Tenders group. This item will be discussed again at our Dec. meeting.

2024 Long-Range Master Tree Plan – Mr. Bray reported that 165 trees would be planted in the next few days at various areas of the Twp. According to Twp. Officials, the first planting will be on the Admin. Bldg. campus where Flowering Eastern Redbuds will replace the removed, invasive Bradford Pear Trees. In December, Mr. Bray, Mr. Dresser, and any other members interested will make recommendations for the Spring 2026 Tree Plantings.

Mr. Bray reported that we have 200 -300 reserve trees. He asked everyone to think about good places to plant these trees.

LMT Golf Course Proposed New Plantings for Advanced Audubon Certification – In September, the Supervisors asked the EAC to investigate enhanced plantings at the Makefield Highlands Golf Course that will assist them in acquiring Advanced Audubon Certification. Mr. Bray had visited the course twice and with the course's Manager Mike Attara and Superintendent Mark Peterson. A plan was developed to plant an additional 157 trees, 105 shrubs and 4 new Wildflower locations. Mr. Dresser assisted in preparing exhibits detailing the planting locations. A letter outlining the plan with pertinent exhibits was approved. After review by Twp. Mgr. D. Kratzer, it will be sent to the BOS and golf course officials.

Homeowner's Associations (HOA's) – Ms. Mitchell reported that several HOA's are now getting our publicity.

Recycling – Mr. Dresser reported that our Styrofoam+ November 8th event was successful and everything went smoothly. The after-holiday next recycling event is always the biggest. It will be held 10am – noon on January 10, 2026.

Bird Town Pennsylvania – We are looking forward to a 10 am lecture at the LMT Admin Building on November 15, 2025 by renowned bird expert, Juanita Hummel. We are in the process of planning several other programs for 2026 that you won't want to miss.

Land Use Reviews – There were no new submittals but there was a discussion around the Shady Brook future development. No official development documents have been submitted for this site.

Proposed Single Use Plastics Ban – Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Turner spoke about the program on single use plastics on November 8th. With their help, and the help of Faran Savitz (Penn Environment) and Elaine McCarron (Newtown Twp. EAC) a successful presentation was made. Note: Newtown Twp. has already passed a ban.

Environmental Stewardship Award – Mr. Bray suggested that the award go to the Refillery, a Low Waste Living Business in Yardley. A vote was taken and passed in favor.

Environmental Grants – Ms. Quigley has added several grants to her list. One that is of great interest to some is electric car stations.

Mr. Bray called the meeting to an end. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on December 11, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, Chair