

LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
APRIL 28, 2026 MEETING

Present: Jim Bray, Chair; Alan Dresser, Vice-Chair; Sheryl Coffee; Soumya Dharmavaram; Carla Kimmel-Smith (virtual); Dominique Mitchell; Paul Roden; Eleanor Turner

Also in attendance were LMT residents Jim Driscoll and Doug Marshall

Mr. Bray called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

Review/Approval of March 24, 2026 Minutes- Mr. Bray called for any changes to the March 24, 2026 minutes. There being none, he asked for a vote of approval. Mr. Dresser voted to approve the minutes and Ms. Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Marshall was in attendance to ask about open space in the Township and to urge the Supervisors to make open space a priority.

EAC Lecture Series- Ms. Turner spoke about her upcoming lecture on Fast Fashion, scheduled for May 2. Mr. Bray mentioned that LMT's Kellie Frain would be making a presentation online to promote the lecture.

EAC Award Applications- Mr. Bray reported that Ms. Quigley, who was not in attendance, would be forwarding information on this project to him.

LMT Spring 2026 Tree Planting- Mr. Bray reported that the RFP has been issued, with the bids due on May 1. The Township will award the contract on May 6 and the tree planting will be completed by May 31. The 165 trees and 32 shrubs will be planted in various public places in LMT.

Heritage Tree Ordinance- Mr. Bray said that Ms. Coffee did an excellent job of describing the trees. This information will be going to Mr. Kratzer, the Planning Commission and then the BOS for approval.

LMT Tree Squad- There may be a presentation to the BOS on this project sometime in May. Ms. Kimmel-Smith and Mr. Bray talked about how the Tree Squad will work in actual practice.

Strategic Planning – The draft of the LMT's strategic plan document was discussed. Potential incorporation of other municipality's plans are being considered, specifically Langhorne's renewable energy plan and Buckingham Township's climate action plan.

Recycling- The EAC's 24th Styrofoam/cork/pill bottle/battery recycling collection event will be held on May 23rd at the LMT Administration building from 10am to 12pm. Volunteers would be welcome.

Bird Town PA- The next lecture for LMT's Bird Town PA will be held on May 9th at 1PM and is called "Mother Birds and their Babies." Kellie Frain will make a video promoting the event.

Arbor Day Celebration – A Willow Oak tree was planted on Arbor Day in honor of LMT's police force.

Land Use Reviews- No new plans have been submitted. The Zoning Board hearing on the proposed car wash at the old CVS building on Yardley-Langhorne Rd will be in July.

SR332/Stony Hill Road/Edgewood Village Integrated Master Plan- The EAC drafted comments on the proposed questions on the future of the area that the selected stakeholders will be asked. The draft comments were approved and sent to the consultant coordinating the effort. The Steering Committee's will next meet May 21.

Memorial Park Sign Cleaning- Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Bray cleaned the signs in Memorial Park.

EAC Regional Meeting of April 25- The EAC meeting which was made up of EAC members from 11 municipalities in the area and was held in LMT's Administration Building, was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of Yardley's EAC member, Patty Kleiner. Falls Township has volunteered to host the next one, on November 7.

Proposed Single Use Plastics Ban Update- There will possibly be a presentation to the BOS on August 5, 2026 by Faran Savitz of Penn Environment. Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Turner will be moderators for the event.

EAC and Township Newsletters – The various EAC functions held in May were publicized via the EAC Newsletter.

With no further discussion, the meeting was called to an end. The next EAC meeting will be held on May 26th at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, Chairman