Lower Makefield Township
EAC Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026

Present: James Bray, Chair, Soumya Dharmavaram, Member, Paul Roden, Member, Jim Driscoll, Alternate, Jeanne Bray, Birdtown PA Chair

Absent: Alan Dresser, EAC Vice Chair, Cheryl Coffee, EAC Member, Dominique Mitchell, EAC Member, Eleanor Turner, EAC Member, Matt Ross, Supervisor Liaison

Mr. Bray called the EAC meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Review/Approval of August 25, 2026 EAC Minutes – Ms. Dharmavaram moved, Mr. Roden seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2026.

EAC/ Birdtown PA Lecture Series for 2026 – The October 3 event will be "What's the Buzz?" with Mike Wheilbacher with doors opening at 9:30 a.m. The program includes a lecture, questions, and a signing of *Wild Philly*.
Plans have changed for the proposed 10/10/26 event, and they are in a fluid state at this time.

EAC Awards Application – Mr. Bray will work with Mr. Dresser to submit a proposal for the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award for the Lower Makefield Tree Bank Ordinance. The submission period starts on October 12, 2026 and runs through the end of the year.

LMT Tree Plantings – Fall, 2026 Plan completed – 174 trees, approximately 11 locations, and 15-16 species. Ten Memorial Park arboretum trees are covered by a separate Bid with Realty Landscaping in the amount of approximately $8,000. Additional Memorial Park relocations include 2 dogwoods, 2 crabapples, and an October Glory maple. The 2025 planting inventory found 17 dead trees and 19 trees in severe decline among 122 assessed trees. Watering capacity remains a concern.

Heritage Tree Ordinance – Three trees and the Five Mile Woods received official Heritage Tree classification through Board of Supervisors' approval. Lower cost plaques are under consideration.

LMT Tree Squad - The LMT Tree Squad has five permanent members and has completed tagging and health assessments for the 2025 planting and tagging for the 2026 Spring Planting. The Tree Squad will also supply the EAC with the Final Category 4 and 5 trees from the 2025 Fall Planting that will be used for warranty claims.

Strategic Planning – Strategic Planning has not met again.

Land Use Reviews - No new Land Use Plans were submitted.

SR 332 Stony Hill Road Edgewood Village Master Plan Steering Committee – Recommendations are being finalized and its next meeting is planned for October 29.

Proposed Single Use Plastics Ban Update - The single-use plastic bag presentation is tentatively scheduled for the November 4 Board of Supervisors' meeting with Penn Environment expertise under consideration.

EAC Survey – The EAC Survey will consolidate responses through a shared Survey Monkey platform and multiple outreach lists.

Snipes Meadow Creation - Snipes Meadow is a 37-acre former tree farm and two front acres are proposed for native wildflower and grass seeding. Estimated project cost is approximately $1,000.

Open Space - Open Space possibilities were discussed without identifying properties publicly.

EAC and Township Newsletters – EAC Newsletter production was delayed because of computer issues.

Odds and Ends - File Mile Woods held an Open House and is planting replacement trees in response to potential Beech Tree losses.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Bray, Chair