

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Lower Makefield Township Municipal Building on Wednesday, July 14, 2010. Vice-Chairman Alan Dresser called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

**Environmental Advisory
Council:**

Jim Bray, Member (absent)
Laura Brandt, Member
Alan Dresser, Vice-Chairman
Rick Ewing, Chairman (absent)
Geoff Goll, Member
Joseph Sundeen, Member

Others:

Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison
Kimmie Wodzanowski, Pennsbury student
Gayle Stringer, resident

TABLE APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2010 MEETING MINUTES

The Council unanimously agreed to table approval of the May meeting minutes until the next meeting.

PENNSBURY RECYCLING PROPOSAL PRESENTATION – Kimmie Wodzanowski

Ms. Kimmie Wodzanowski was present at the meeting. She is a Pennsbury High School student and is working towards achieving her Girl Scout Gold Award. She would like to implement better recycling practices at the Pennsbury athletic fields, inside the High School buildings, Afton and Quarry Hill athletic fields, and the Macclessfield and Stoddard athletic fields. Ms. Wodzanowski showed the Council a PowerPoint presentation about her project. Ms. Wodzanowski said that she plans to start implementing this project in the fall and knows that it will take several years to change the students and administration in the District to recycle. Most importantly the increase in recycling could generate revenue for the District and she plans to meet with District administration to talk about this project. Mrs. Mazzitelli will mentor Ms. Wodzanowski through this project.

The Council members commended Ms. Wodzanowski on her project and said they would give her their full support to make this project happen. Mr. Stainthorpe suggested Ms. Wodzanowski contact Mr. Chuck Roddenbush from Waste Management to see if his company would partner with her to donate recycling containers and anything else she may need to facilitate this project.

LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Mr. Dresser said he spoke with Township Solicitor Dave Truelove about the Land Development application time frames. He has expressed his concern about the implications of the Township and developers missing these important deadlines. Mr. Goll said the Land Development code is written so that when the Township does not reply to an application within the 60 days reply period the application is automatically approved by the Township yet there is no recourse if the developers miss a deadline.

Mr. Stainthorpe said he interpreted Mr. Truelove's opinion that the Township has been doing things a certain way for a long time and we need a date certain of when the Township is going to make the needed changes to the provisions of the Land Development code.

Mr. Goll said the Board is going to need to lean on their hired professionals to make sure that all plans, correspondence and communications go on record especially when it comes to denying an application.

TREE PLANTING UPDATE

Mrs. Brandt reported the status of the trees that were planted at the softball fields on Roelofs Road. She said the trees are doing okay. Mrs. Brandt said she also received a \$500 grant from the PA Horticultural Society to be used to purchase a watering tank but she does not know what size tank to buy. Mr. Goll said he would give Ms. Brandt information about which watering tanks she could purchase.

BUCKS BEAUTIFUL

Mrs. Brandt said she has been watering and weeding the planting area and the Bucks Beautiful people will come in September to inspect the area.

BIRDTOWN PRESENTATION

Mrs. Brandt said the Bird Town presentation is scheduled for October 13th.

LAND USE REVIEWS

Zubaida – Mr. Goll said he received the revised development plans and would review the plans and send his comments to the Council.

Matrix – Mr. Dresser said Matrix sold the residential component of the development to Toll Brothers.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. Brandt said she would attend the Bowman's Hill Discovery Day on Saturday hosting a recycling table. She invited Ms. Wodzanowski to attend the event noting she would get some great ideas for her project.

Mr. Sundeen said he attended the PNC Bank ribbon-cutting event recently. Mr. Goll mentioned that the bio-retention basins at that site are filled with water much longer than they should be.

The Council agreed to cancel the August meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8^h at 7:30 pm in the Township Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Ewing, Chairman