

Township of Lower Makefield
Environmental Advisory Council
June 8, 2011
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the LMT municipal building on Wednesday, June 8, 2011. Chairman Dresser called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

Environmental Advisory Council: Alan Dresser, Chairman
 Jim Bray, Vice Chairman
 Rick Ewing, Member
 Geoff Goll, Member
 Gail Stringer, Member
 Joseph Sundeen, Member

Others: Matt Maloney, Supervisor Liaison; Tatiana and Leilani Bacchus,
 Residents; Paul Roden, Resident

Absent: Laura Brandt, Member

Ms. Bacchus and her daughter, Leilani, decided to attend the EAC meeting after talking to Mr. Bray about cleaning up their neighborhood. They were interested in learning more about the EAC. Ms. Bacchus will be sent copies of the May minutes and the EAC year-end review for 2010.

Approval of the May 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes – The May 11, 2011 EAC meeting minutes were approved unanimously, with changes.

Geothermal Lecture - Mr. Sundeen reported that the May 14th lecture on geothermal was well-received and was recorded and shown on the cable channel several times. Mr. Goll will make copies for the EAC members.

Open Space Update – Chris Kern, a member of the Bucks County Open Space Committee, gave Mr. Bray the names of some appraisers used by the County, which Mr. Bray will forward to Mr. Fedorchak. At least two appraisals are required for each property.

Cool Cities Sustainability Plan – A motion was made, and passed, that the Cool Cities Sustainability Action Plan be approved by the EAC. This fulfills the requirements for the Cool Cities program approved by the Board of Supervisors. The plan has been worked on over the last several years by a task force of local residents and is composed of action steps to make our community more sustainable. Mr. Maloney recommended that the plan be put on the website, with a note to the Supervisors to inform them it has been done. Mrs. Stringer and Mr. Bray will identify the action items that they believe should be implemented initially.

Birdtown USA – Mrs. Brandt has the application from the Audubon Society, which she will complete. The Audubon Society will handle the publicity surrounding Lower Makefield Township becoming a

Birdtown USA town, and provide signage. The suggestion was made that the EAC could plan a media event around the installation of the signage. Mr. Maloney requested more details on the sign and where it would be posted.

Recycling Update – Mr. Dresser reported that the Township will purchase 25 more recycling containers, which will be placed in the Stoddard/Roelofs/pool baseball complex before the fathers' day softball tournament. It was suggested that, with the increased recycling, the Township should receive some money from the trash hauler; Mr. Dresser will follow up on that. It was also suggested that some portion of the money could go to the sports organization which is sponsoring the tournament, to provide an incentive for more recycling.

Land Reviews:

Neshaminy and Del. South Stormwater Ordinances – The ordinances were approved on May 18.

Aria Hospital – Mr. Goll attended the May Planning Commission meeting and commented on the Aria Plan for the EAC. The EAC will try to get their comment letter completed by the end of June.

Freemans Farm – Mr. Dresser will follow up with the Army Corps of Engineers on their wetlands determination this week.

Dogwood Drive Revised Application – This project is on hold.

CVS/Regency – Mr. Goll reported that the builders are still not in compliance on this project – that there is very little stormwater management, that they put under drains in against the ordinance and that they are compacting the soil. He is not sure what the next steps should be to enforce compliance.

Edgewood Flowers Field – Mr. Bray distributed copies of the plans for Flowers Field and asked the members to review them and forward their comments to him.

Green Vendor Event – Ms. Bray presented the idea of a Fall 2011 LMT green vendor event to give local green vendors and organizations exposure and educate the residents on the availability of local green services. After discussion, it was decided that we would move forward on this. Ms. Bray will compile a list of available vendors/organizations and forward it to the EAC. Mr. Bray will talk to Christine Zervos of Pennsbury Partners about having the event at Makefield School. The event will be held toward the end of October.

Makefield School Garden Dedication – Mr. Bray attended the dedication on June 3, along with Makefield students, local legislators, school teachers and administrators and members of the public. EAC member, Mrs.Brandt, assisted in the overall garden design, while EAC member, Mr. Bray, designed and helped plant the Native Perennial part of the garden.

EAC Summer Schedule – It was agreed that there will be no meeting in July; a decision will be made about August at a later date.

Open Discussion – Mr. Roden has volunteer to take over his communications responsibilities for the next few months; Mrs. Stringer and Mr. Roden announced upcoming environmental events. Mrs. Stringer reported that she attended the BuxMont EAC Conference and received a flash drive with all of

the presentations. Mr. Dresser and Mr. Bray will discuss posting it on the website at their next meeting with Mr. Fedorchak. Mr. Bray said that T&M Solar will be reporting back to him about the feasibility of a solar application for LMT.

Mr. Roden expressed concern about the number of trees being cut down in the wetlands behind St. John . It was recommended that he notify the code enforcement department.

With no further business to discuss, the June 2011 meeting of the Lower Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chairman