

Lower Makefield Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
December 12, 2012  
Meeting Minutes

Those Present: Jim Bray, Chairman  
Alan Dresser, Vice Chairman  
Mark Bortman, Member  
Rick Ewing, Member  
Paul Roden, Member  
Gail Stringer, Member  
Joe Sundeen, Member

The December 12, 2012 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council was called to order at 7:00PM.

**Approval of November 14, 2012 Minutes** – The EAC minutes of November 14, 2012 were approved unanimously, as amended.

**Waterless Urinals** – Mr. Bortman reported that he was unable to get information on how much usage the bathrooms in the LMT municipal building get, information which is necessary to calculate the amount of savings the Township could expect from installing waterless urinals. Mr. Bray suggested that this topic be tabled for now; it can be addressed again as part of the discussion on building the community center.

**Update on Cool Cities** – Mrs. Stringer reported that Melanie Dickersbach, who had previously done work with Cool Cities, has expertise in monitoring carbon emissions. She volunteered to use that expertise to support the Cool Cities Committee in determining the best way to calculate the carbon reduction in the Township that would come from implementing a Buy Local, Buy Green program. Mrs. Stringer said it has been difficult to recruit volunteers to work on Buy Green, Buy Local; Mr. Bray suggested that the EAC spend some time at the January meeting brainstorming ways to get people involved.

**Pervious Paving Draft Ordinance** – Mr. Dresser reported that the Township Engineers are happy with the ordinance, as he has written it, and it is ready to go before the Planning Commission. Mr. Bray will arrange for the Ordinance to be added to a Planning Commission agenda in January or February. The document is in a legal format, so there may not be much work for the engineers and lawyers to do on it, resulting in savings for the Township. Mr. Bray reported that Mr. Stainthorpe seemed prepared to spend money on consultants, if necessary. Mr. Bray commented on what an excellent job Mr. Dresser had done.

**Stewardship Award** – The EAC is planning to present the 2012 Environmental Stewardship Award to Kimmie Wodzanowski at the second BOS meeting in January. The plaque will be ordered and Mr. Bray has talked to Ann Langtry about recruiting representatives from Pennsbury to attend.

**Hough and Associates** – Hough has been employed to use a program that maximizes recycling revenue for the Township, and they will be paid a percentage of the savings accruing from their efforts. Mr. Dresser found a minor error in their calculations which he will bring to the attention of Mr. Fedorchak. Mr. Dresser also noted that the County will be holding two recycling events in the Spring, one for electronics and the other for hazardous materials. The LMT EAC will do their next electronics recycling, in conjunction with Leck, in the Fall. Mrs. Stringer will call Tina Leck to inform her.

**Land Reviews** –

**Samost Tract** – Mr. Dresser raised a question about when the EAC should weigh in on the community center at the Samost Tract; it was agreed that he and Mr. Bray will discuss this in their next meeting with Mr. Fedorchak. At an appropriate time, Mr. Bray will speak at a BOS meeting, reminding the Supervisors of the Green Building Ordinance, and complimenting them on being so forward thinking in approving the Ordinance. He and Mr. Dresser will attend the Planning Commission meeting when Samost is on the agenda.

**Jennings Tract** – The Jennings tract is the 9+ acres that border Yardley Borough next to I95. The EAC reviewed this plan on 11/22/10. The owner planned, at that time, to remove 80+ trees; the new plan calls for removal of 64 trees, and the house print is smaller than the first. Ultimately, the owner plans to put in 100+ trees. It was agreed that the EAC should approve the project and that Mr. Bray would send an e-mail to the Township Manager to that effect.

**Bullard Property** – The main concern of the EAC is that the 150 foot canal buffer stipulated in LMT's Ordinance be incorporated into the plan. Since the applicant has stated that the buffer will be maintained, and Mr. Dresser has agreed to monitor the situation, the EAC has no further issues with the subdivision. Mr. Bray will draft an e-mail to the Township Engineer stating this.

**Old Business** – Mr. Bray has heard, unofficially, that the EAC will receive a budget of \$4,000 in 2013.

Mr. Bray received an e-mail from the Warrington EAC regarding the Basin Naturalization Project, and asking for specific information.

**Open Discussion** – There is a Stormwater Management Conference in April; Mr. Bray and others will be attending. The Bowmans Hill Wildflower Preserve Land Ethics Symposium will be held in February. Regarding the EAC website, Mr. Bray will forward his list of recommended updates to all members of the EAC, and asked that they review his list and add their updates. Mr. Roden said that WHYI is doing a forum on fracking on January 15.

With no further business to discuss, the December 12, 2012 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 8:30PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 7:00PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, Chairman