

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
June 12, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jim Bray, Chairman
Alan Dresser, Vice Chairman
Mark Bortman, Member
Rick Ewing, Member
Paul Roden, Member

The June 12, 2013 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council was called to order at 7:00PM. The first order of business was the approval of the May 8, 2013 EAC minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved, as amended.

2013 Basin Naturalization Program – Mr. Bray reported that he and Kevin Kall, LMT Public Works Director, identified thirteen new basins for the program. Mr. Fedorchak is reviewing the list. Once he completes the review, Mr. Bray will provide the locations of the approved basins to the Board of Supervisors.

Pavement Ordinance Update – Mr. Dresser reported on the recent Planning Commission meeting which he and Mr. Bray attended. They presented their changes to the nine concerns the Planning Commission had raised at the previous meeting. The only additional concern was raised by Mrs. Frick who felt that residential properties should not be included in the ordinance. After discussion, it was agreed that the ordinance will not apply to single family detached homes at this time. Once the EAC has Supervisor approval, they will have the Township solicitor review the draft ordinance and will then present it to the Planning Commission.

Cool Cities Buy Local Project Update – Since Mrs. Stringer was not in attendance, there was no update on the project.

Environmental Lecture Series 2013 – The Bird Migration lecture will be held on November 9, 2013. Mrs. Bray will coordinate a lecture by the Delaware Riverkeeper, with a possible date of September 28.

Penn Future Solar Ordinance Grant for LMT – Mr. Bortman has not gotten any further word regarding the grant.

Recycling Update – Mr. Dresser delivered letters about recycling to approximately 20 LMT businesses. He wrote another letter, for the 777 Township Line offices, and sent it to Mr. Fedorchak for his signature.

Open Space Update -

Lower Makefield River Property – Mr. Fedorchak believes this property may have River frontage; he will look at a map with Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser at their next meeting.

Since there are only 17 months left in which the Township can spend the remaining \$400,000 County grant money, Mr. Bray will make it a priority to review the list of additional open space properties that could be purchased with that money.

Land Use Reviews –

Moon Nursery – The EAC received an informational plan from Moon Nursery. They want to shut down their business and build 15 houses on the property. Mr. Dresser will e-mail his comments to Mr. Bray.

Scammel Tract – Mr. Dresser attended the recent BOS meeting specifically to provide feedback on the buffers.

Freeman's Farm – They have preliminary plan approval; the EAC will reiterate their concerns about the water runoff, which they think will double after the houses are built.

LMT Master Plan – Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser will attend the LMT Master Plan meeting on June 24.

Open Discussion – Sandra Flynn of Boucher and James talked to Mr. Bray about the permit requirements under NPDS, which include educational requirements. Mr. Bray feels that the EAC educational activities can help to fulfill those requirements and provided Ms. Flynn with information on the seminars and workshops the EAC has attended.

Leck wants to keep the October date for electronic recycling, in spite of the County's electronic recycling in the same timeframe.

Mr. Bray met with a reporter from the Philadelphia Inquirer on the LMT Native Plant Ordinance. She will be returning to LMT with a photographer to get photos of the native plants at the LEED certified building in Floral Vale, as part of an article on native plants.

Mr. Roden gave an overview of his Masters project. The objective of the project is to get residents and commercial establishments in the Township to increase their recycling. Mr. Roden's project may fulfill some of the Township's recycling educational requirements.

With no further business to discuss, the June 12, 2013 meeting of the Lower Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 8:45PM. Whether there will be EAC meetings in July and August is to be determined.