## Lower Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council November 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Lower Makefield Township Municipal Building on Monday, November 21, 2011. Chairman Dresser called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Those present:

**Environmental Advisory Committee:** 

Alan Dresser, Chairman
James Brav. Vice Chairman

Rick Ewing Joseph Sundeen

Others:

Paul Roden

Absent:

Geoff Goll, Member; Gail Stringer, Member

**Approval of October 12, 2011 EAC Minutes** – The October 12, 2011 EAC minutes were approved unanimously.

October 22 Green Vendor Expo — An update was provided by members of the EAC who had attended the Green Vendor Expo, and by Ms. Bray and Mr. Dresser, members of the Expo committee. It was agreed that the event was successful, based on the number of vendors and attendees, and feedback from the vendors. The Makefield Elementary School was a good venue, and the tours of the school were well-received. It was felt that another, similar event should be held, perhaps in the Spring of 2013, and this one should include Newtown, to make it a District 31 event.

Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Drilling/Status of DRBC Proposed Regulations — Mr. Roden provided an update of the Marcellus Shale project. The Delaware River Basin Commission cancelled the November 21 meeting because the Governor of Delaware announced that he was going to vote against the new, revised regulations on fracking in the Marcellus Shale. The cancellation of the meeting means that, for now, the moratorium on any new permits and drilling in the Delaware Watershed will remain in place. A rally was scheduled to celebrate the partial victory and it was well-attended.

<u>Environmental Steward Award to Makefield Garden</u> – It was reported that Mr. Fedorchak had agreed to take the \$500 award money from the LMT budget. Mr. Bray will ask Mr. Fedorchak to schedule the presentation of the award to the Makefield Elementary School garden committee at the first BOS meeting in December, and will coordinate with Mrs. Mazzitelli.

<u>Audubon Bird Town USA</u> – Mrs. Brandt, who is coordinating the Bird Town project, was not in attendance. However, the EAC members who had attended the Green Vendor Expo, at which the Bird Town project was a vendor, reported that a number of residents had signed up to participate and several signs had been sold.

<u>Clean/Renewable Energy Options</u> – Mr. Goll, who was not in attendance, had previously forwarded a video for discussion.

## Land Reviews -

<u>Flowers Field</u> – Mr. Dresser reported that the Flowers Field plan had been approved by the BOS at their October 19 meeting, in what he believes is in violation of the LMT stormwater ordinance, and possibly the tree ordinance.

<u>Aria Hospital Revised Preliminary Plan</u> – A revision of the original plan had been received by the EAC the day of the meeting. It was felt that the plan ignored several concerns previously raised by the EAC. Mr. Dresser asked the members to review the revised plan and provide their comments to him before the December 15 deadline. The comments will then go to the Planning Commission.

<u>Grace Point Church</u> – The church is requesting 238 new parking spots and are asking to be exempted from interim and final approval. Mr. Dresser considers stormwater to be a concern, and will provide comments.

## Miscellaneous Items -

<u>Open Space</u> – Mr. Dresser and Mr. Bray will discuss the Ragan property with Mr. Fedorchak at a meeting on November 28th.

<u>Sustainability Conference</u> – Mr. Roden reported that LaSalle University will sponsor a Sustainability Conference on March 17, 2012 from 9-2.

With no further business to discuss, the November 21, 2011 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 7:30PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chairman