

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
September 10, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Present: James Bray, Chairman
Alan Dresser, Vice Chairman
Mark Bortman, Member
Paul Roden, Member
Gail Stringer, Alternate Member

Also in attendance was Bill Setzer, Chairman, Morrisville Environmental Advisory Council

Mr. Bray called the September 10, 2014 meeting to order.

Approval of August 13, 2014 EAC Meeting Minutes – The August 13, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Open Space Update – There was a lengthy discussion on the BOS proposal on the use of the County Open Space money. The EAC will hold their comments until they have reviewed the Township application.

Modification to LMT's Street and Replacement Tree Ordinance - A vote will be taken at the next BOS meeting on whether to advertise the Tree Ordinance. Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser will attend the meeting.

Drainage Basin Retrofitting Project – The project will begin next week. The four basins will be retrofitted one at a time and each will take about a week.

Land Use Reviews –

Community Center – The BOS discussed the Community Center at their September 3, 2014 meeting. Ms. Friedman of the Planning Commission said at that meeting that the PC needed another chance to look at the plan. It was reviewed at the Planning Commission meeting of September 8.

There was discussion of the appropriate person for the role of Green Building Administrator. Mr. Bray will follow up with Lisa Grayson, to get her input.

Recycling Update – Leck was scheduled to hold an electronic recycling event in LMT in the Fall, but have since sold their residential business to Republic. The EAC will follow up to see if Republic would be willing to hold the event.

Audubon Bird Town Workshop – It was agreed that the workshop would be offered in the Spring. It will be on the agenda of the next EAC meeting so that Mrs. D’Alessio can provide more information.

Other Business –

Railroad Noise Abatement – Mr. Dresser reported that the Township has all of the data they need to complete their application.

Patterson Tree Plaque – Mr. Bray and Mrs. D’Alessio will meet on this topic.

Cardboard Mulch – There was a complaint from a resident about another resident who is using cardboard mulch on their property. Mr. Bray will look into it.

EAC – There is an opening for an EAC member. Mr. Bray will talk to Mr. Conley about becoming a full member and will talk to Mr. Goll about possibly re-joining the EAC.

Wall Project – It does not appear that there has been any movement on removing the wall in the stream on the corner of Countess and South. Mr. Bray will talk to the Zoning Department about the additional wall in the same stream that was also discussed in the meeting.

Trees on Individual Property – Mr. Bray offered information on the subject of trees on individuals’ property. If the property has natural resources on it, such as wetlands, the trees are protected; if no natural resources, then there is no protection. Ms. Frick said that the Township wants anyone taking down a tree to let the Township know because not everyone knows if they have natural resources on their property.

Tree planted during Tree Tenders Training – The tree is dead and will be replaced. Mr. Bray and Mr. Dresser will provide Mr. Fedorchak with choices for replacement.

Road Tour – Mr. Kall notified the EAC of the upcoming tour of the Township’s roads, on September 23. If anyone is interested in going, they should RSVP by September 19th.

Drainage Basin Program – Mr. Bray is working with Kevin Kall on this project.

HB1565 – There was discussion of State Representative Steve Santarsiero’s e-mail regarding HB1565. The bill would take steps toward ending mandatory provisions requiring a 150’ buffer on protected waterways in Pennsylvania.

Climate Summit - Mr. Roden reported that there is a climate summit being held in New York at the UN on September 21.

Heritage Tree Ordinance – Mrs. D’Alessio had provided an update to Mr. Bray. .

With no further business to discuss, the September 10, 2014 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 9PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on October 8, 2014, at 7PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, Chairman