

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

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

Mr. Bray called the December 10, 2014 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council to order at 7:00PM.

Approval of November 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the November 12, 2014 EAC meeting were approved unanimously, with change.

Penn Environment Clean Power – There was no new information on this project.

Open Space Update – This item was the first on the recent Bucks County Open Space Committee meeting. LMT had asked for \$780,000, to be used for Patterson Farm. The Committee rejected the \$780,000 and said, since LMT already owns the Patterson Farm, that they had never received an application like this before. They are going to try to determine if it is legal and will discuss again at their January meeting.

EAC Newsletter Policy – There was discussion of developing guidelines for accepting information for the EAC newsletter, and it was agreed that it will be handled on a case by case basis.

Power Line Tree Ordinance Change – Mr. Bray reported that they have received no new instructions on proceeding with this project.

Drainage Basin Project – Basin Grant Retrofit and Signage – Based on recent observations of the basins by Mr. Bortman, it was determined that the four retrofits are completed. A discussion followed regarding the basic design of these basins.

Land Use Reviews –

Community Center – The EAC will meet with the architect but will meet with Mr. Fedorchak first. The budget for the community center is currently \$2.25 million. The Township Manager asked the EAC to

comment on a buffer along Wheeler Way suggested by B&J Engineers. The EAC provided comments and these suggestions were incorporated into the final landscape plan.

St. Ignatius – Both evaluations of the large Red Oak tree were negative. A fourth set of EAC comments was sent on December 12.

Election of Officers for 2015 – Mr. Dresser was nominated Chairman and Mr. Bortman nominated Vice Chairman. A vote was taken and Mr. Dresser and Mr. Bortman were unanimously elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman for the LMT Environmental Advisory Council for 2015.

Recycling Update – Mr. Dresser reported that, contrary to the agreement, there is no recycling dumpster on site at the Edgewood Corners development. He will look further into this matter.

Railroad Quiet Zone Update – Mr. Conley reported that the Township received a grant from the Federal government for this project, for a total cost of \$500,000. There will be a 70-30 match. Construction will be proceeding in the near future.

Environmental Stewardship Award for 2014 – The members voted to present the 2014 award to the Afton School garden committee. There was discussion of the need for a regular system in place for finding nominees.

With no further business to discuss, the EAC December 10, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on January 14, 2015, at 7PM in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray, Chairman