

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
January 14, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Present: Alan Dresser, Chairman
James Bray, Member
Matthew Conley, Member
Paul Roden, Member

Also in attendance was Lisa Grayson Zygmunt, former member of the EAC and Certified LEED Trainer

Mr. Dresser called the January 14, 2015 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council to order at 7:00PM.

Approval of December 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the December 10, 2014 EAC meeting were approved unanimously, with changes.

LMT Community Center LEED Certification – Mr. Dresser and Ms. Grayson reported on a meeting they had scheduled with the architects working on the new community center. It was held to discuss the architects' plans for meeting the requirements for a LEED building. Mr. Dresser supplied the EAC with copies of the project checklist, which had been completed at the meeting at Mr. Dresser's and Ms. Grayson's request. Ms. Grayson suggested that there should be regular meetings with the architects, to ensure that LMT's concerns are addressed and that everything the architects do will be formally documented, as if the project were going to be submitted for LEED certification. Mr. Dresser will ask about setting up another meeting with the architects at the upcoming meeting with Mr. Fedorchak.

Running Bamboo Ordinance – The EAC discussed a complaint about a neighbor letting bamboo run into her yard that a LMT resident described in a letter sent to Supervisor Dobson, Terry Fedorchak, and Alan Dresser. Mr. Dresser provided ordinance models from other municipalities, including Yardley Borough. Mr. Bray will take responsibility for this project and it was determined that the EAC would move forward on it, only if it is supported by the BOS.

Open Space Update –

BOS Application for County Open Space Funds – The County Open Space Committee has not received the application from LMT, so it is not known if the issue will be on the agenda at the January 28 Open Space meeting.

Legal Aspects of Municipalities Selling Open Space – This will be discussed at the February 11 EAC meeting.

LMT Open Space Acquisition – 4 Acre Parcel off Knoll Drive – Mr. Dresser reported that this parcel is the latest acquisition by the Township.

PECO Power Line Tree Ordinance - Next steps will come from the BOS.

Patterson Farm Tree Plaque – The plaque is almost completed; Mr. Bray will check to see if he has the wording.

Land Use Reviews –

St. Ignatius – Status of Red Oak Tree – This is on hold. The builders want it to be cut down, and the EAC agreed that the tree does have problems.

Moon Nursery – Conservation Easement – Mr. Dresser will follow up with Mr. Fedorchak on the status.

Recycling Update –

Pennington Collection – Hopewell Valley will hold a recycling event on January 31; Mr. Dresser will participate. They will offer recycling of Styrofoam, wine corks, and CDs and DVDs.

Enforcement Letters – Mr. Dresser has some enforcement letters ready for Mr. Fedorchak's signature.

Tax Notice – The LMT Tax Collector will print information on Township recycling on the back of her upcoming tax notice.

Odds and Ends –

BOS Appoints New Supervisor – Ron Smith has been appointed to fill the opening on the Board of Supervisors until the November election.

RR Quiet Zone – Mr. Conley reported that the Township has received the grant and the quiet zone should be installed this year.

Environmental Stewardship Award for the Afton Garden Committee – Mr. Bray will purchase the plaque and arrange to have the presentation of the award added to the agenda of the first BOS meeting in February.

John Rogers of Birdtown – Mr. Rogers contacted Mr. Bray to ask if he could do a lecture in LMT. Mr. Bray asked Mr. Roden to follow up with him.

Open Discussion –

Mr. Bray reported that he gave a lecture at the Birdtown Summit Meeting on December 13th. There was a great deal of interest from the audience in LMT's Native Plant Ordinance.

Mr. Bray also reported that the Land Ethics Symposium is being held on March 12th.

Mr. Bray will have the 2014 Annual EAC Review completed by the end of January.

Mr. Roden reported that there will be a hearing on the Penn East Pipeline at Bucks County Community College at 6PM on January 27 and 28.

With no further business to discuss, the January 14, 2015 meeting of the LMT EAC was adjourned at 8:35PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on February 11, 2015, at 7PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chairman