

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
October 12, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Present: Alan Dresser, Chairman
Mark Bortman, Vice Chairman
Jeff Benedetto, BOS Liaison
James Bray, Alternate Member
Paul Roden, Member

Also in attendance was Peter Solor, LMT Resident

Approval of September 9, 2015 EAC Meeting Minutes – The EAC September 9, 2015 minutes were approved, as amended.

Open Space Update –

Patterson Farm – Mr. Dresser reported on the Patterson Farm discussion at the last BOS meeting. At that meeting, Township Attorney, Jeffrey Garton, suggested several ways to conserve the remaining 140 acres of the Farm. Mr. Bray suggested that it would make most sense for those acres to be conserved by the Bucks County Open Space Committee, as they were the ones that conserved the first 70 acres of the Farm. Mr. Benedetto said he would pass that suggestion on to the other Supervisors and Mr. Dresser will contact Dave Johnson, the Bucks County Open Space Coordinator, to get his thoughts.

Jennings Tract – There was discussion about the idea of using open space money for the Jennings Tract. The tract is currently private property, with access to the Canal being prohibited. It was suggested that LMT could purchase the portion of the property that would allow that access.

Dunkin' Donuts – There was discussion about the desirability of purchasing the Modak tract.

Open space will be on the October 21, 2015 BOS agenda.

Drainage Basins – There was follow up discussion on the basins, earmarked for limited cutting, that are being treated the same as the non-naturalized basins. Mr. Dresser will follow up on this in February in a meeting with Mr. Fedorchak and the new Public Works Director.

The sign for the Memorial basin will be installed within the next week.

Environmental Stewardship Award – The EAC members were asked to give some thought to possible nominees for candidates for the 2015 Award.

Recommended Sites for Replacement Trees – Mr. Dresser presented his list of recommended sites for replacement trees. Mr. Bray suggested that Mr. Dresser add the Oxford Valley complex and Macclesfield Park to his list of sites. It was noted that the Samos tract was due some replacement trees; Mr. Benedetto will follow up.

Morrisville Waste Incinerator – Mr. Roden went to the meeting and reported that there was a lot of support from the union and that a lot of questions were raised. A decision on Phase 1 is due in November.

Land Reviews –

Erin Development - Mr. Dresser asked Mr. Benedetto if he had spoken to Erin Development about the Red Oak. Mr. Benedetto said he had left a message and they never got back to him. He will follow up.

Dobry Road – The plan for this project on a 16 acre lot includes 80 units of age restricted housing with 49% impervious surface. There was a plan for building fewer units in the same area, presented by a different group in 2006/2007. The EAC had concerns at that time about the plan for stormwater management. Since then, stormwater management has become even more strictly controlled, and would require that the volume of stormwater from the 2-year storm leaving the site before construction has to equal the amount after construction. The current plan doesn't address total water leaving the site. It is expected that the project will be presented at a BOS meeting in December or January.

Other Business – There is an opening for a new member to the EAC.

Mr. Dresser talked to Lynn Todd about the website and she made the changes they discussed. There are additional changes to be made.

Mr. Dresser stated about \$1,500 from the EAC budget will be used by Parks and Rec Dept. to buy 3 or 4 additional outdoor recycling containers.

There was discussion of educating the public about retrofitting the basins, including the possibility of including information with the tax bills.

Mark reported that the Makefield Highlands Golf Course does not recycle. Mr. Benedetto will mention that at the BOS meeting.

Mr. Benedetto reported that LEEDS certification was not mentioned in the discussion about the Community Center with the architect. He will find out if it is in the plan. Mr. Bray suggested that he would set up a tour of the George School for the Supervisors if they are interested.

With no further business to discuss, the October 12, 2015 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 9:05PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, in the LMT Municipal building, at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chairman