

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council
February 10, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Present: Mark Bortman, Vice Chairman

Also in attendance were: Bruce Black, LMT Resident, Peter Solor, LMT Resident, Roseann Kamp, LMT Resident, Lisa Kamp, LMT Resident, Ryan Berry, Yardley Borough Council Member and EAC Member

Mr. Bortman called the February 10, 2016 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council to order at 7PM. Mr. Solor has submitted a letter of interest and resume. Mr. Black has not yet done so but plans to. Ms. Kamp works in the environmental industry and is interested in learning more about the EAC and what it does. Mr. Berry is interested in fostering cooperation among local EAC's

Approval of January 13, 2016 EAC Minutes – Since a quorum was not in place, the approval of the January 13, 2016 meeting minutes was postponed.

Update on Elcon Hazardous Waste Facility in Falls Township – There is a public meeting on February 23 from 6-9PM at the Sheraton in Langhorne (<http://www.lmt.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Elcon-Broadcast-Media-Newspaper-Notification.pdf>). There was a meeting of the protest group Bucks POWA (Protect our Water and Air) on February 1, but no one had any information about the meeting.

Emerald Ash Borer Beetle Possible LMT Website Notice – There is interest in letting residents know what they can do about the problem. Mr. Black is working to gather documents to be posted on the website. Ewing EAC is hosting a meeting on the issue on February 16.

Late February/Early March Meeting with Terry Fedorchak – Mr. Dresser is working to schedule a meeting with Mr. Fedorchak to discuss naturalized drainage basins, replacement tree planting, replacing Round-Up and other topics. Mr. Bortman will try to attend the meeting. A new Public Works Director has not been hired yet and may not be in place until late March or April.

Styrofoam recycling event 2/6/16 – Exact Solar, along with the Lower Makefield EAC hosted a styrofoam collection/recycling event. Response was strong. The styrofoam collected will be taken to Raybob packaging in Bristol to be recycled into new products. It was suggested to have another collection again in the future.

E-waste recycling - In the past, the county has hosted e-waste recycling events. Due to the expense of the event, the county will not be hosting electronics collections this year. LMT has also hosted these in the past with Leck. Mr. Berry also commented that the Yardley EAC has done this annually but will not be doing it this year due to costs. Mr. Bortman said that he knows that the Weaver's Way Environmental Committee in the Mount Airy section of Philadelphia recently partnered with another community group and hosted an e-waste collection. It was very successful and they actually made money. Mr. Bortman will contact this group to get more information and see if this is something we could do, possibly in collaboration with the Yardley EAC and other EACs or other groups in the area.

Lower Makefield Energy Efficiency Project - Mr. Bortman has talked to Johnson Controls and another performance contracting company, NORESKO, regarding a possible energy efficiency upgrade project in the township. The process is as follows: the energy services company (ESCO) will do a quick analysis of energy bills and township facilities in order to determine the feasibility of a project. There is no cost or commitment for this

analysis. Once that analysis is done, they would outline the scope of the project and savings. At this point, they would need a commitment from the township to move forward. Once a commitment was received, they would put together a more detailed plan for equipment upgrades for energy savings. There would be no upfront cost to the township. All the costs of upgrades would be paid for through the energy savings realized.

Mr. Solor said he would contact the fire company to see if they have an infra-red scanner and if so, if we could borrow it. This would be helpful in identifying energy saving opportunities for homeowners.

Upcoming Seminars, Meetings and Symposia - It was noted that the following events were coming up:

--9th Symposium on Design and Construction Issues at Hazardous Waste Sites, Philadelphia, PA, April 20-22, 2016

--Delaware Valley Green Building Council (DVGBC) Tri-State Sustainability Symposium, Philadelphia, PA March 4, 2016

--Bowman's Hill Land Ethics Symposium, Del. Valley University, March 10, 2016

--Master Watershed Steward Program, BCCD Office, Feb. 22, 2016

Mr. Bortman suggested that if there is a fee to attend, the EAC might be able to reimburse members who are interested in attending.

Odds and Ends –Mr. Solor followed up on the discussion from the previous meeting about the light pollution from the new Flowers Mill Development. Based on his quick review of the ordinance, if the new development is not part of the Edgewood Village historical area then he believes it is in violation of at least 3 parts of the ordinance. He also brought copies of a model lighting ordinance that has been installed in other townships and cities.

Open Discussion - Mr. Berry said he'd been contacted by the Newtown Borough EAC with interest in collaboration. He is contacting other EAC's to gauge interest in collaborating and possibly organizing a meeting in April or May. Mr. Black said that Ewing has some information and other resources that we may find helpful and he could share with us.

With no further business to discuss, the February 10, 2016 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 8:15PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on March 9, 2016, at 7PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Bortman, Vice Chairman