

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council

July 13, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Present: Alan Dresser, Chairman
Paul Roden, Member
Mark Bortman, Member
Peter Solor, Member
Kristin Tyler, LMT Board of Supervisors Liason

Also in attendance was Lisa Kamp, LMT Resident and Dorothy Young

Mr. Dresser called the July 13, 2016 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council to order at 7:00PM.

Approval of June 8, 2016 EAC Minutes – The June minutes were approved, as written.

E-waste October 8th Recycling Event with E-waste Experts – Mr. Dresser reported that the project is on track; thus far only Newtown Township has signed on to participate. Paul Roden will be sending out a notice to the EAC E-mail list on September 14, 2016. Alan will be talking with the LMT Webmaster to post a notice on the Township Webpage, and place a notice on the Cable Channel Page. Announcements have been made in the latest LMT Tax Bills. Flyers will be placed in the LMT EAC Literature rack in the LMT Building lobby. Kristen Tyler, BOS member stated that an article could also be placed in an upcoming issue of the LMT Community Newsletter for LMT residents.

Bamboo Ordinance

A proposed Bamboo Ordinance was discussed and approved by the members of the EAC and will be voted on at the next LMT BOS meeting. Concerns were expressed about enforcement and original source of any bamboo infestation on any resident's property.

Open Space Bond – Mr. Dresser spoke about a \$15 million bond approved by The Board of Supervisors at a recent meeting, with \$5 million of it earmarked for open space. The bond issue was approved at the last meeting (July 6, 2016) of the LMT BOS.

Land Use Reviews

DRJTBC Purchase of Park and Ride Parking Lot at the Scudders Falls Bridge:

The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission wants to purchase part of the Park and Ride location at the Scudders Fall Bridge for \$500,000. The loss of open space, parking spaces and access to the canal were concerns raised at the meeting.

Artis Senior and Community Center Site-

Approval to proceed with a preliminary plan application of the proposed site was made by the LMT BOS

Naturalized Drainage Basin Monitoring Program – In the EAC’s meeting with the new Director of Parks and Recreation, Ralph Carp. It was agreed that the Township will investigate the mowing of those basins that are part of the naturalization program. There continues to be a problem with mowing too much of storm water basins in the Township. The LMT EAC has begun a monitoring program of approximately 30 of the detention basins that are designated as naturalized. The results of that program are that less of them are being mowed, but in some basins the problem continues to stay the same. Mr. Carp will be contacted about this problem ..

Odds and Ends

Elcon Hazardous Waste Facility – Mr. Dresser reported that Elcon still has not submitted a Phase 2 permit application. Nothing new to report but there are now lawn signs and buttons being sold to gain public support for opposing the “thermal oxidation” plan as proposed by Elcon. These lawn signs can be seen around the township and surrounding municipalities. No response has been received by the LMT Engineer’s letter to the PA DEP or Elcon on environmental safety concerns from the proposed plant.

Long Term Tree Planting Plan – Judith Goldstein of Bucher and James is working with the EAC to devise a 20 year plan that will identify where trees are most needed. The plan is close to completion.

Open Discussion –

Elm Borer is a future topic to discuss to propose preventive and strategies to deal with this destructive invasive species now present in our area of Bucks County, Philadelphia and Mercer County, NJ.

With no further business to discuss, the July 13, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 8:45PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on August 10, 2016, at the LMT municipal building, at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chairman