

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council

August 10, 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 were Lisa Kamp and Dorothy Young, LMT Resident s

Mr. Dresser called the August 10, 2016 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council to order at 7:00PM.

Approval of July 13, 2016 EAC Minutes – The July 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. Newtown Township, Upper Makefield Township, Middletown township are all announcing this event. Yardley and Morrisville Boroughs are also supporting this event but cannot contribute any funds toward sponsoring it. Members of all of these EAC's have been invited to the Sept 14, 2016 meeting to discuss logistics, publicity and possible financial contribution to pay for the electronic waste recycling day. Press releases will go out and notices for Community Bulletin Boards such as the Bucks County Courier Times on September 14, 2016.

Mercer –Trenton Airport

Representatives from BRRAM will attend the next meeting of the LMT EAC on September 14, 2016 to discuss Mercer-Trenton Airport airport and the lack of an environmental impact study to assess the increase usage of the airport. The airport is across from LMT on the other side of the Delaware River.

Open Space – The sale of 10 acres of LMT property, of which approximately 7.5 acres is wooded open space, was approved by the BOS of LMT to the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission (DRJTBC) for \$800,000. This land will be used to erect a new administration building next to the Scudders Falls Bridge of off I-95. It will also eliminate some of the Park and Ride spaces at the parking lot by that interchange with I-95. An additional \$250,000 will be donated by the DRJTBC to the Township's tree bank.

Their still we be access to the Delaware Canal Path and access for hikers, runners and bicyclist's from the Park and Ride as well as from Taylorsville Road.

Bucks County Open Space Funds

There is still \$269,000 in Bucks County Open Space funds to be spent by the end of the year by the township to preserve and protect open space in LMT.

Guzikowski Farm

Negotiations are continuing on obtaining a conservation easement and purchase by the LMT but no final agreement has been reached

Artis Senior Living Building-

The Zoning Board is reviewing the plans and the variance for the land requested by the applicant.

Naturalized Drainage Basin Monitoring Program – At the EAC 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 many 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 many of the basins continue to be mowed.

Odds and Ends

Elcon Hazardous Waste Facility –ELCON has yet to submit their Phase II Application to the PA DEP.

Film Showings: Josh Fox, Director of the films, Gasland I & II has a new film on climate change, showing citizen action from around the world to deal with climate change. The film is available for public showing for free by non-profit groups. Paul Roden, EAC member will investigate details for arranging a showing this fall some time.

A new documentary on combating climate change called “**Dear President Obama**” is also available for viewing on Vimeo at <http://dearpresidentobama.com/>

LMT Community Pride Day Sept.4, 2016 12:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. The LMT EAC will be having a table at the event. Paul Roden will bring a tent, table and chairs. Alan Dresser will bring the literature from LMT Building. Mark Bortman and Peter Solor will also staff the event.

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 August 10, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 8:45PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on Sept. 14, 2016, at the LMT municipal building, at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dresser, Chairman