

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council

January 11, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Present: Alan Dresser, Chairman
Paul Roden, Member
Mark Bortman, Member
Peter Solor, Member

Dan Grenier, Member

Also in attendance was Lisa Kamp, LMT Resident, Lynn Butler, LMT Resident, Rupal Patel, LMT Resident

Mr. Dresser called the Jan 11, 2017 meeting of the LMT Environmental Advisory Council to order at 7:00PM.

Approval December 10, 2016 EAC Minutes – The December 14, 2016 minutes were approved, as written.

Styrofoam Recycling Day and Showing of “How to Let Go of the World and Accept Things That Even Climate Can’t Change” movie, Saturday, January 14, 2017 10:00 am for the movie to 12 Noon Recycling from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Alan Dresser and Rupal Patel will coordinate the film showing inside the LMT Township Building. Mark Bortman will handle the Styrofoam collection outside

Spring E-waste Recycling Event with E-waste Experts –

No firm date has been established with the E-Waste experts

Elcon Hazardous Waste Facility – Nothing has been heard from the PA DEP or ELCON.

Community Center

Alan Dresser filed a Right to Know request to obtain more information about the building permit and plans for the Community Center construction underway. The current plan and construction is not complying with the LEED standards for least environmental impact or responsible development.

Snipes Track Athletic Fields Development

The Snipes Track Athletic Field, located off of Dolington Road and Quarry Hill Roads and I-95. The Sketch Plans call for the development of three “Pop Warner Football” fields, a Lacrosse Field, Concession Stand/Bathroom, parking, paved bicycle/walking paths and natural trails. Some concerns were expressed about replacing trees removed for constructing the fields, concession stand/bathroom, use of

native trees for replacement trees and pervious pavement compliance to mitigate rain water run-off. We will be sending out comments on the project in the near future.

Marazzo's Property Sale to Sutphin Pines Condominium

Preliminary sketch plans were viewed and discussed. These sketch plans were unveiled at the last BOS Meeting of LMT. The developer is proposing the construction of 17 condominiums with garages, three stories and an attic on the Marazzo's Nursery property. Marazzo's is moving to a new location.

Naturalized Water Run-Off Basins

The EAC will meet with the new Director of Public Works who ever that person is to discuss this on-going project for the catchment basins around the Township.

Open Space

The Bible Fellowship, on Oxford Valley Road, is asking to purchase some open space from the township to expand their church parking lot and church building. Lynn Butler, LMT resident who lives near the church expressed her and other neighbors' opposition to the selling of LMT Open Space Land to the Church. It was recommended that they schedule another church service rather than expand the church building and parking lot. The neighbors fear more traffic and congestion and don't want further impact on the environment with loss of forested lands and wildlife habitat.

Open Discussion –

Elm Borer was mentioned again as a future topic to discuss 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 January 11, 2017 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 8:33 PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on February 8, 2017, at the LMT municipal building, at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Roden, Member