

Lower Makefield Township
Electric Reliability Committee (ERC)
April 12, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristin Tyler
John Kingham
James Kirlin
Lee Pedowicz (prospective committee member)

Apologies: Bernard Griga

The April 12, 2018 meeting of the Lower Makefield Township Electric Reliability Committee (ERC) was called to order at 7:10 PM in the offices of the Lower Makefield Township by Chairman Kingham.

Agenda: The meeting agenda is appended to these minutes. ([Attachment 1](#)).

1. Approval of past minutes: The minutes of the meeting of June 29, 2017 were approved. (Kirlin/Tyler).

a. Preamble: Chairman Kingham welcomed Mr. Pedowicz as a prospective member of the committee. He acknowledged that Mr. Pedowicz's power engineering background and his knowledge of the electric supply industry would be an extremely useful attribute for the committee if the BOS chooses to confirm his appointment. Mr. Kingham advised Mr. Pedowicz that, given the marked improvement in the reliability of LMT power supply in 2017, it had been decided to hold the ERC meetings on an as-needed basis. Obviously, the storms of March 2018 and the attendant power outages have led to that need.

2. PECO Storm Performance March 2018

The meeting agenda lists the most common grievances expressed on social media by residents during the March outages. Notably:

- a. Inaccurate "power restored" messages
- b. No response to voice calls.
- c. Tardy response to downed wires.
- d. PECO "worst performer" in the Northeast.
- e. Cables need to be underground.
- f. Why doesn't PECO remove trees on private property?
- g. Inconsiderate tree trimming.

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- h. Annoyance with brief outages.

It was agreed that, regardless of the validity of the points raised, it is time for a meeting between LMT and PECO to present the grievances and to seek answers. It would also give PECO the opportunity to provide a report to the ERC on the status of its upgrade work. To this end it was agreed that the Chairman would draft the text of a letter to be sent by LMT to PECO.

3. Other Items:

- a. **Complaint to LMT regarding short duration outages in the vicinity of South Crescent Blvd:** The Chairman reported that, on behalf of the ERC, he had raised the issue with PECO. PECO was not aware of the exact reason, but Mr. Kingham concluded that ongoing system-upgrade work by PECO was a probable cause. In the absence of further complaints, it is believed that the issue has been resolved.
- b. **Tree on private property – Bedford Place – danger to PECO primary line:** Following a complaint to the Township by a resident on Bedford Place, the Chairman reported that, along with Mr. Griga, he had visited the property to gain a better understanding of the issue. The residents had asked PECO to remove a tree on the rear of their property because it appeared to be in danger of falling on to the PECO primary line feeding the rear of the houses. However, following an inspection by PECO, the residents were advised that the tree was not a hazard and, as such, PECO would not remove the tree. However, the first March storm brought down a large limb which did sever the PECO line. Following the ERC inspection, PECO was asked to reassess the situation and PECO subsequently agreed to remove the tree.
- c. Other items discussed included:
 - i. A presentation to residents on standby generators and how they should be connected to a residence.
 - ii. The establishment of a contact within the PUC.

4. Next ERC Meeting:

It was agreed that, on the assumption that a meeting with PECO will be held within the next month or so, the next ERC meeting will follow that meeting.

- 5. Motion for Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Attachments:

- 1. [Agenda](#)

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ERC Agenda Apr 12, 2018 Meeting:

2. Approval of minutes of Jun 29, 2017 meeting
3. PECO Storm Performance
 - a. Most common complaints by residents on social media:
 - i. Inaccurate “power restored” messages
 - ii. No response to voice calls.
 - iii. Tardy response to downed wires.
 - iv. PECO “worst performer” in the Northeast.
 - v. Cables need to be underground.
 - vi. Why doesn’t PECO remove trees on private property?
 - vii. Inconsiderate tree trimming.
 - viii. Annoyance with brief outages – S. & N. Crescent Blvd.
 - b. Setup review meeting with PECO.
4. Other items
 - a. Complaint to LMT lodged by Mr. McGroarty – S. Crescent Blvd
 - b. Complaint to LMT lodged by Mr. & Mrs. Moore
5. Set date, time, place for next ERC meeting
6. Motion for adjournment