

Lower Makefield Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2018

Present: Barbara Baus; Jim Bray; Dan Grenier, BOS Liaison; Lisa Kamp; Paul Roden; Linda Salvati

Also present were Lee Pedowicz, as well as Lisa Baxter and Lisa Gordo, who attended to discuss Elcon, and Amy Moran, LMT Resident

In the absence of Mr. Dresser and Mr. Solor, Mr. Bray opened the meeting. The first order of business was approval of the November EAC minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously, with one change.

**Elcon Update** – Mr. Grenier provided information to the visitors on the work the EAC is doing on the Elcon project at the Supervisors' request. He said that, once all EAC comments are received, they will be forwarded to the BOS and will be public information.

**Recycle Yard** – Mr. Grenier explained that the Township Manager has recommended that the Recycle Yard be closed in the short term, due to budget issues, as well as wildcat dumping and the fact that there are no best practices in place. The Township will be looking at different ways of managing the yard waste. It is not clear how the trash haulers get rid of yard waste picked up from residents or overflow from the recycle yard, which raised concerns among some EAC members that the waste will be taken to the landfill. Mr. Bray will put those concerns in writing for the Supervisors and Mr. Grenier will get more information on how the waste haulers handle yard waste.

The Township will also be reviewing the leaf program at Patterson Farm, with a view to making it more efficient.

**Newsletter** – Mr. Roden led a discussion of topics for the next newsletter. Those topics will include Elcon and the Trenton Airport.

**Land Use** –

**Dobry Road** – Mr. Grenier reported that Erin Development has a preliminary Jurisdictional Determination on this project, but it is due to expire on December 15. He asked Mr. Majewski to advise Erin Development to get another formal JD so that there is agreement on the wetlands. Erin Development received a variance from the Zoning Board that will allow them to build 55+ quads rather than mixed use. It was noted that there is a small encroachment on the wetland setback. Erin has not yet gone before the Planning Commission.

**Brookshire Estates** – Mr. Grenier said that the developers presented a plan to the BOS in which changes were made to the landscaping, and it was apparent that they had not fully considered the Native Plant

Ordinance. Mr. Grenier instructed them to get in compliance with the Native Plant Ordinance and then the plan was approved.

CADDIS – As a follow up to concerns with this project, Mr. Grenier had talked to Mr. Majewski, who then got in touch with the developer. The developer said he would contact their engineer.

Treebank Status – The tree planting plan was approved by the Supervisors. Mr. Grenier said that once the walking trail across from the Township building is completed, they will take another look at the plan. He expects that they will start the tree planting with the dog park. Mr. Bray commented that the area across from the Administration Building should also be treated as a high priority item.

EAC Lecture Series- This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Streambank – Mr. Grenier indicated that there is one basin retrofit in the budget for 2019. He expects that 2019 will be a planning year for extensive basin activity in 2020 and 2021.

Environmental Stewardship Award – Mr. Bray provided an update on the award which will be going to Friends of Five Mile Woods. A decision needs to be made about when the award will be given. Mr. Bray asked for a volunteer on the EAC to take responsibility for the Award in the future.

EAC Budget – Some recycling bins have been purchased. Other uses for the budget dollars will be discussed in more depth at a future meeting.

Year of the Bird Proclamation – It was agreed that there is not enough time to consider this in 2018.

Heritage Tree Ordinance – The ordinance has been approved unanimously by the Planning Commission and will be forwarded to the BOS in the near future for their consideration.

With no further business to be discussed, the December meeting of the EAC was adjourned at 8:45. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on January 9 at 7PM in the LMT Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Bray

