

Lower Makefield Township
Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2019

Present: Barbara Baus; Jim Bray; Suzanne Blundi, BOS Liaison; Soumya Dharmavaram; Lisa Kamp; Paul Roden; Linda Salvati; Peter Solor, Co-Chair

Also present was Lee Pedowicz, LMT Resident

Ms. Blundi was introduced, and welcomed, as the new Board of Supervisors' Liaison to the EAC. Appreciation for Mr. Grenier's work with the EAC over the last year was expressed.

The first order of business was approval of the December EAC minutes. Mr. Roden moved to accept the minutes as written, Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair/Vice Chair/Co-Chair – As the January meeting is the time when elections are held on Township committees, Mr. Solor led a discussion on who would be Chair and Vice Chair in the upcoming year. He indicated that he will continue as Co-Chair but would need another member to share that role with him. Ms. Kamp mentioned that changes in her job might mean that she cannot continue on the EAC. After discussion, it was determined that this topic will be put off until the February EAC meeting.

There was discussion of the core functions of the EAC, including stormwater management and education. In a discussion of activities that might be related to EAC functions, Mr. Solor mentioned that Mr. Grenier is planning to make combined committee reviews a regular activity, and that an EAC member would be required to attend the meetings. Ms. Salvati agreed to take over the Environmental Stewardship Award. Mr. Roden agreed to take responsibility for servicing the brochure racks.

Elcon- It was noted that the application is still not complete, as the air permit portion has not been received. Therefore, the EAC cannot supply the BOS with a complete response. Ms. Salvati will put together the information the EAC has compiled to date, and have it ready to review at the February EAC meeting.

Land Use Reviews – There were no new land use reviews.

Lecture Series – Ms. Dharmavaram reported that there are two confirmed speakers for the February 16 lecture, Bucks County Conservation District and Remington & Vernick Engineers. There has been no response from the Penn State Extension but Mr. Bray will contact them and find out what topics they offer. There will be a notice of the lecture in the next EAC e-newsletter. April was suggested for the next lecture.

Streambank Maintenance/Detention Basin/MS4 Program – Streambank maintenance and detention basins will be discussed at the February lecture. Ms. Dharmavaram asked that everyone think about

ideas for volunteer programs for MS4. Ms. Blundi mentioned that the Parks and Rec Department keeps a list of volunteer projects that are available to LMT residents and groups.

Environmental Stewardship Award 2018 – Mr. Bray reported that the plaque has been ordered. He suggested presenting it to Friends of Five Mile Woods at the February 6 BOS meeting.

EAC Budget 2019 - Mr. Bray provided a draft outline for a 2019 budget. After discussion, a vote was taken, and passed unanimously, to adopt the budget as outlined.

Newsletter- There was discussion of topics for the next newsletter, including streambanks, lawn maintenance, Elcon, and the Trenton Airport. Ms. Dharmavaram and Mr. Roden will take responsibility for the newsletter.

Electronics Recycling Event Planning - The date of April 27 was suggested for the next Electronics Recycling Event. Mr. Solor will contact Mr. Bortman to get information on running the event. A volunteer from the EAC is needed to take responsibility for this project, including reaching out to other municipalities who might want to participate.

Odds and Ends –

Plastic Bag Reduction – There was nothing new on this project. Ms. Blundi feels it is a project that should be pursued and suggested that educating residents, rather than working with the grocery stores, might be more effective in reducing the number of plastic bags.

Dobry Road – Mr. Pedowicz spoke of his concern about the 45 kilowatt generator with the 1700 gallon tank of diesel fuel. Mr. Solor said this is a state, not local, permit issue. Mr. Pedowicz mentioned he had written Mr. Majewski about his concerns and had not received a reply. Ms. Blundi suggested he forward his note to Mr. Ferguson and copy Mr. Dresser and Mr. Solor. Otherwise, it was thought that the developer is meeting requirements.

Heritage Tree Ordinance - The Planning Commission voted unanimously to send the Heritage Tree Ordinance to the BOS for their analysis, and hopefully, approval.

Recycling Yard – Mr. Bray introduced the topic of the Recycling Yard. At their December meeting, the EAC had approved writing a note to the BOS opposing the closing. However, the BOS voted to close the yard but will open it at least four times a year. The primary reasons that were given were cost and illegal dumping. It was agreed that the EAC members need to come to a consensus on how they think the Township should proceed. Ms. Blundi said the BOS would welcome any suggestions. Ms. Blundi did say that the trash haulers were all reminded that they had to find a way to recycle the extra yard waste that they will be picking up.

EAC Conferences – Mr. Roden will forward the information on other EAC conferences.

Monitoring EAC Website – Mr. Roden will take responsibility for monitoring the website.

With no further business to be discussed, the January 2019 meeting of the EAC was adjourned at 9:05pm. The next meeting of the EAC will be held on February 13 at 7PM in the LMT Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Solor, Co-Chair