

Lower Makefield Township  
March 13, 2019  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes

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

Also in attendance was Lee Pedowicz, LMT Resident.

Mr. Solor called the March 2019 EAC meeting to order at 7pm. The first order of business was approval of the February 13 EAC minutes. Ms. Dharmavaram moved to accept the minutes as written and Ms. Salvati seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Lecture Series Recap** – Ms. Blundi offered a recap to the February 16 Streambank/Detention Basin/Lawn Maintenance Lecture. The information presented was very informative. EAC needs to work on advertisement of events and reserving the room. The presentation flyer did not indicate the location of the lecture. When reserving the room with Parks & Rec, need to contact multiple individuals related to room reservation and announcements on the electronic scroll. Also copy Kurt Ferguson so that he can also coordinate with the proper personnel.

**Long Range Tree Planting Plan** – Ms. Salvati provide summary of February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting with Kurt Ferguson & Jim Majewski related to the EAC decision of sites (Patterson Farm and the interior portion of Cailoa Park) to be planted in 2019. Ms. Salvati will evaluate existing trees near those locations to determine appropriate species to plant. Ms. Salvati will also look at local nurseries to see available plant material. Ms. Dharmavaram stated that the EAC will re-evaluate the plans to determine if additional sites could potentially be planted in future years. EAC will also determine the next order of sites for 2020 planting.

**Elcon** – EAC still waiting for air quality permit to be uploaded to PADEP website. Preliminary review letter was submitted to the BOS.

**Schedule meeting time & Membership** – EAC members to discuss and determine if day & time need to be revised or just time. For April 2019 meeting, time is temporarily changed to 7:30 pm. EAC to inform Ms. Blundi once a consensus is determined and she will inform Mr. Ferguson.

At least 1 position is open for EAC members. Mr. Solor to contact Mr. Ferguson to post the vacant position.

**Volunteer Programs** – Any potential volunteer opportunities to be forwarded to Parks & Rec. Can possibly contact Environmental Science Program at Pennsbury High School for potential volunteers. Possible programs include: Long Range Tree Planting, Yardley Growing Greener Grant. Ms. Dharmavaram was speaking with someone that inquired about measuring erosion along local stream channels. She will follow-up with that source.

**LMT Sustainability Action Plan 2011** – Ms. Blundi forwarded an email from a Penn State student that inquired about LMT’s Sustainability Action Plan. 2011 Plan was a community initiative which discussed municipal greenhouse gas emissions, but the plan may not have been approved. Mr. Solor & Ms. Dharmavaram to re-evaluate the previous information before bringing up to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Dharmavaram also discussed LMT being part of Sustainable PA Program and how it may assist with MS4 initiatives.

**Tree Ordinances Update** – Ms. Blundi stated that the BOS found technical drafting issues with the ordinance. The revised ordinance will be added to the next BOS agenda.

**Electronics Recycling** – The May 4 date has been confirmed for the event. Honor Society students have agreed to volunteer at the event again this year. Yardley Borough and Newtown Borough have both agreed to participate. Event will take place at Charles Boehm Middle School.

**Plastic Bag Use Reduction** – Discussion tabled till April 2019 meeting.

**Lecture Series** – No topics set for Spring 2019. Next series to be Fall 2019. EAC members to provide list of topics at April 2019 meeting.

**Land Use Reviews** – Mr. Solor indicated that the comments for the Erin Dobry development was submitted. Issues continue to revolve around stormwater design.

**Year End Review** – Mr. Solor presented the Year End Review information. Ms. Dharmavaram motioned to approve, Ms. Salvati seconded. Mr. Solor to submit to Mr. Ferguson.

**Streambank Maintenance/Detention Basin/MS4 Program** – No updates.

**Newsletter** – Table discussion for April 2019 meeting. EAC members to provide list of topics at April 2019 meeting. Mr. Pedowicz offered to provide a brief write-up related to planting trees adjacent to overhead electric lines

**Odds and Ends** – Mr. Solor provided information related to other EAC events in the near future. Tree Tenders Class (March 19). Land Conservation/EAC conference (May 18) at Skytop Lodge. Earth Day table to Core Creek (April 27). LMT Community Day (September 2). Ms. Dharmavaram to provide information about Annual Green Build Philly Conference.

Mr. Solar stated that future EAC agendas to contain upcoming events list.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Dharmavaram, and seconded by Ms. Salvati, to adjourn the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EAC. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. As there is discussion of moving the EAC meetings from Wednesday to Thursday, the date of the next meeting is still to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Solor, Co-Chair