

**Upper Makefield Township
Board of Supervisors
And
Environmental Advisory Council
February 21, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

The February 21, 2012 joint public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors and Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Dan Rattigan at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Dan Rattigan, Bud Baldwin, Larry Breeden, Tom Cino and Mary Ryan. Also in attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Paul Gregor, Catherine Magliocchetti, Keith Miller and Bob Needle. Township Manager Stephanie Teoli, Township Solicitor Steve Moyer, Esq., Township Engineer Larry Young, P.E. and Director of Planning and Zoning, Dave Kuhns were also present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

EAC Report

EAC Update on Stream Assessment

Mr. Greger provided an overview of the work of the EAC to conduct the Stream Assessment of the Upper Jericho Creek. He explained that the objectives of the program were to:

- look for ways to reduce stream velocity to reducing potential flooding downstream,
- identify areas of unstable soil and potential erosion,
- review of existing detention/retention basins, and
- educate property owners.

Mr. Greger then explained that members of the EAC approached the task by reviewing GIS and aerial mapping to identify 34 properties that bordered the stream. Permission was obtained from 30 property owners to enter their properties. Inspections then ensued and reports were prepared. Concerns identified during the study included mowing within the riparian buffer, stream erosion, growth of invasive species, and stream quality.

After discussion, it was agreed that the EAC should work with township staff to provide an education piece that would be distributed to targeted property owners.

Update of Pending Grant Applications

Because there was limited time, the group was only able to briefly review the status of the Falkenstein application, 303 Stoneybrook Road. Ms. Teoli reported that the applicants were unsuccessful in obtaining the necessary cooperation of Jericho National Golf Course for the project. Mr. and Mrs. Falkenstein and Hank Lieberman requested the Board's assistance in moving forward with the application without the involvement of the Golf Course. Ms. Teoli explained that she was in the process of working with the Township Solicitor to determine if there were any other possible approaches or solutions available to the applicant.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and was seconded by Ms. Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Approved: March 13, 2012