

UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday April 12, 2010 8:00 p.m. Meeting
Municipal Complex, 1076 Eagle Road

The public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was held on April 12, 2011 at 8:00 P.M. at the Upper Makefield Township Municipal Building, 1076 Eagle Road, Newtown, PA. The public session was called to order at 8:00 pm.

Present:

Cathy Magliocchetti	Chair
Paul Greger	Vice-Chair
Ed Ford	Member
Denton Kanuoff	Member
Lorraine Muth	Member
Phil Sandine	Member
Dave Kulig	Board Liaison
Dave Kuhn	Director of Planning & Zoning Dept.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: March 8, 2011 meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Upper Makefield Township Open Space Program Discussion, cont' from the March 8, 2011 meeting.

Discussion of the balance of the program fund and how to further preserve land in the Township. Property currently under consideration will move forward to the Board of Supervisors for review.

b. Riparian Grant Process, Con't from March 8, 2011 meeting.

Ms. Magliocchetti started the conversation by suggesting the grant process be amended by having the property owners commit to a pay share percentage of the total riparian repair costs. In doing this it could control project costs and extend the life of the grant. The EAC has recommended the suspension of any review of future applications until the Board of Supervisors agrees to have a professional survey done to accurately target grant applicants. The EAC will also request a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors to discuss further.

c. Heritage Conservancy as Co-Conservation Easement Holders.

EAC stands by previous resolution.

d. Township Parks Planting Plans.

Ms. Magliocchetti discusses the details of the planting in the parks. Due to stormwater management work being done black gum and spice bush cannot be planted at this time. Mr. Ford offers his equipment in helping to plant the trees. With a budget of \$4000.00 the plan includes, at least one tree per field and must be a native species. Planting is planned within the next two weeks.

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e. Earth Day Event Planning Discussion.

Eight vendors are attending. Thorpe Farm has committed to providing wagon rides and animals. Dragonboat people will be provided concessions. With limited budget, the cake will be ordered from a grocery bakery. And the EAC shirt will be ordered shortly. Mr. Greger will contact the Public Works Director for the delivery of the electronic sign to Brownsburg Park. Shopping bags have been ordered black with yellow lettering. 300 trees have been delivered for circulation.

ACTION ITEMS:

a. Siligato Subdivision Plan, 1040 Taylorsville Road.

The EAC review the plan and question the stream locations not shown, a street leading into an existing subdivision, and developing in a possible wetland. The grade and stream has been altered over time without permits, changing the natural characteristics of the property. The EAC denies this application to be referred to the Planning Commission. EAC recommend the plan be revised to show existing streams, other water features, existing drainage outlets and trees on the property.

LIAISON'S REPORT:

a. Board of Supervisors: Dave Kulig- Discusses the Neshaminy Creek Stormwater Records report as a resource for revising the report for the Delaware River South.

b. Park and Rec.: Cathy Magliocchetti-Park & Recreation was discussing the possibility of a marathon or half marathon be held in Upper Makefield Township. Starting and ending the event at the Washington Crossing Historical Park and throughout the towpath.

Mr. Greger added that the Lockheed Martin volunteer planting event held at the Washington Crossing Historical Park was a great success. He went on to mention how well organized the event had been and 1600 trees were planted.

ADJOURNMENT- *Motion to Adjourn made and second: 10:30pm*