

UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday April 13, 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 13, 2010 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 8:20 pm.

Present:

Barbara Hirst	Chair
Catherine Magliocchetti	Vice-Chair
Bill Fox	Member
Paul Greger	Member
Loraine Muth	Member
Phil Sandine	Member
Steve Moyer	Grim, Biehn & Thatcher
Jeff Marshall	Heritage Conservancy
Wendy Mecke	Planning & Zoning

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Please see separate meeting minutes attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: March 9, 2010 not approved due to time review, moved to next meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Washington Crossing Historic Park Tree Replacement.

No new updates to report at this time.

b. Earth Day Update.

Ms. Hirst will author a message from the Chair to be included in the program Mr. Greger will prepare. The following items are works in progress: acquisition of trees; reusable shopping bags have been ordered; electronic message board will be there that day; small posters will be distributed around local small businesses. Ms. Muth is seeking out vendors for hats. There will be no food available. Mr. Greger will get a 40th anniversary Earth Day sheet cake. Aark Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center and Solardelphia will be present with displays. The seed packets have arrived to the Township building.

c. Feinstone/Township Riparian Project.

Item moved to next meeting when Mr. Kulig will be present. Discussions lead to the possibility of the drainage at the Public Works area of the Municipal complex causing the erosion on the Sol Feinstone Elementary property. Parents of school children have expressed concern with Sol Feinstone maintaining a meadow due to high grass and the possibility of ticks and Lyme disease and conflicts with the baseball fields.

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ACTION ITEMS:

a. Siligato Sketch Plan Review

With additional information provided by GIS the EAC discussed the following issues with the plan submitted to be conveyed to the Planning Commission and The Board of Supervisors:

- Structures and septic tanks appear to be in floodplain.
- Stormwater management is not clarified.
- Minimal criteria met with regards to Township stormwater ordinance.
- Mass fill would be required on site.

b. Heble Sketch Plan Review

Not available for review.

c. Land Trust Beneficiary.

EAC made motion for the Land Trust Beneficiary proposal authored by Mr. Marshall for 15 properties currently under easement (with minor edits) go the Board of Supervisors for consideration. *Motion made, all in favor.*

LIAISON'S REPORT:

a. Park and Rec.: Catherine Magliocchetti

The Park & Recreation Board is considering significantly adding to the impervious surface at Lookout Park. As proposed this will have a negative environmental impact on the already fragile park structure. EAC also would like to suggest mowing at the park be done in such a manner as to guide park visitors the proper areas to walk, keeping visitors away from areas that would prohibit the stormwater plan from working effectively.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to adjourn 10:15pm.*

Next EAC meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2010: 8:00pm.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

I. Heron's Watch Conservation Easement Draft Letter Discussion.

After some minor edits Ms. Hirst will forward to Township Manager and await Board of Supervisor guidance.

II. Conservation Easement Amendment Policy

Revised draft authored by Mr. Moyer circulated for review and comment; moved to next meeting for discussion and possible vote.

III. Open Space Priority List.

Further edits on previously supplied list to include the following:

- Properties that meet criteria yet are not priority or available to ease for various reasons.
- Potential properties that are physically connected to open space land.

IV. Land Trust Beneficiary.

Proposal includes one time fee of \$2500 per property. With some minor alterations Mr. Marshall will forward letter to Board of Supervisors for consideration. See open meeting minutes.