

Upper Makefield *Township*

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting, December 13, 2011-8:00pm

The public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was held December 13, 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 approximately 8:05 pm.

Present:

Cathy Magliocchetti
Paul Greger
Ed Ford
Denton Kanuoff
Loraine Muth
Dave Kulig
Jeff Marshall
Steve Moyer
Dave Kuhns

Chair
Vice-Chair
Member
Member
Member
Board Liaison
Heritage Conservancy
Grim, Biehn, & Thatcher
Planning & Zoning Director

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: November 9, 2011 with changes discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at the second meeting on January 18, 2012 to make Heritage Conservancy as Land Trust Beneficiary.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. **UMT Open Space Program Discussion. Cont' from November 9, 2011 EAC meeting.**
See Executive Session.
- b. **Riparian Grant Process, Cont' from November 9, 2011 EAC meeting.**
Bill Fox has resigned from the EAC. Mr. Greger will prepare a report mid-January 2012. Mr. Greger is requesting to review Stormwater facilities /Sewer as-built plans for the Township to continue the creek study. Mr. Kuhns will contact the Public Works Supervisor for the plans.
- c. **Riparian Grant Application, National Lands Trust, 55 Street Road.**
Dave Kuhns will contact applicant to let them know that at this time grant applications are being held until the Jericho Creek study is completed and to invite them to the next EAC meeting to clarify application or revise application for greater detail.
- d. **Earth Day, April 21, 2012.**
No new information at this time.

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- e. Discussion of Environmental Management/Sustainability practices within the Township (i.e., how can we ensure that we are using our resources more efficiently and how are we tracking the management and making our departments accountable for use of fuels/electricity, etc?)

Mrs. Magliocchetti informs the EAC that while on duty, UMT Police vehicle engines are idling the whole time. She continues that for safety reasons the vehicle power all the equipment and that if the engine was off the car battery would be insufficient to power the equipment. This is not unusual and it is most common in law enforcement and other emergency respond vehicles. Large battery back-up alternatives are available and are used that are not very expensive that would allow the engine to be off yet the equipment would be ready to use, extending the life of the vehicle and save significant fuel costs. The EAC would like a memo from Chief Schmidt with an explanation for the idling engines and fuel costs. Dave Kuhns will contact the Chief. EAC will continue research on alternatives.

LIAISON'S REPORT:

- a. Board of Supervisors: Dave Kulig-see Planning & Zoning report.
- b. Park and Rec.: Cathy Magliocchetti-Nothing to report.
- c. Planning & Zoning: Dave Kuhns- Washington Crossing Inn submitted a plan for a major expansion that the Board of Supervisors has denied. WCI then came back with a submission with minor changes to the existing structure which will require approval from the Zoning Hearing Board, HARB and Historic Advisory Committee to enclose a porch and make a stick roof over an existing pergola. Seating is not going to increase.

This is Mr. Kulig's last meeting as the Board Liaison, the EAC thanks him and congratulates him for is excellent service to the Township.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 pm

Minutes approved at the January 10, 2012 meeting.