

Upper Makefield Township

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

February 10, 2015

The February 10, 2015 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Keith Miller at 7:01 PM. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Chair Keith Miller, Vice Chair Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Bud Baldwin, Member Dr. Ed Ford, Member Jack Wiseman, Member Nicole Khan, Director of Planning and Zoning David Kuhns, Board of Supervisors Liaison Tom Cino and President of Heritage Conservancy Jeff Marshall

I. Call to Order: 7:01 pm

II. Public Comment: No Comment from the public

III. Approval of meeting minutes:
A. January 13, 2015 – Approved

IV. Welcome to New Members:
Mr. Wiseman and Ms. Khan; Mr. Wiseman gave a brief background of his experience and reasons for serving the Upper Makefield community. Dr. Ford stated he thought that interviews for public positions should be completed publicly.

V. Discussion Items:

A. Open Space Program:

7:08 Executive Session Called

7:45 Returned From Executive Session

Mr. Marshall stated that he is contacting discussed properties throughout the Township, however it is slow going and he will have an update at the next meeting.

B. Riparian Grant Program:

Mr. Cino stated that the Edelson and Faulkenstein applications did not need review from the Environmental Advisory Council. It was recommended by Mr. Cino for the Environmental Advisory Council to review the applications as long as it does not impede the Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda. Ms. Magliocchetti voiced concern that the Board of Supervisors may be “undermining” the role of the Environmental Advisory Council by expediting the Faulkenstein application with the Edelson application. Mr. Cino recommended to the Environmental Advisory Council present the Board of Supervisors with proposals to return to the past ways of reviewing and recommending applications for the grant (referring to the Resolution No. 2013-08-20). Further discussion involving the costs incurred through the Faulkenstein application occurred. Mr. Cino asked if it could be confirmed that the Board of Supervisors vote to expedite the applications caused a “Gap” in the process which in turn caused the funds of the Riparian Grant to go directly to Gilmore & Associates. There was a concern of liability presented

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by Dr. Ford by having the township engineer prepare a plan for a private owner. Ms. Khan reiterated the concerns of the Environmental Advisory Council for Mr. Cino. Further discussion of the details of the Faulkenstein application occurred involving the Jericho Golf Course approval on the easement. Mr. Miller wrapped up discussion with an overview of what has been discussed thus far. Final discussion involved solutions to several of the issues brought to light by Environmental Advisory Council members and will be explored in more detail at the next meeting.

C. Earth Day Event Scheduled April 25th 2015:

Ms. Magliocchetti stated she will attend and the event is similar to years past. The location is Core Creek Park, Langhorne, Pa from 10 am to 2 pm in partnership with other municipalities. Ms. Magliocchetti stated that volunteers are needed for the event, Ms. Khan volunteered for the event immediately. Ms. Magliocchetti reminded the members there is a meeting scheduled for February 20, 2015 for more planning involving the details of the event. Ms. Judy Caporiccio will cover this meeting for the Environmental Advisory Council. Tree saplings will possibly be given out at the event. Wildflower plugs will be offered to plant at Lookout Park and Brownsburg Park for replenishment and enhancement purposes. Invites will be extended to vendors of prior years for the Earth Day event. Final details will follow after the February 20th meeting.

VI. Liaison's Report

A. Liaisons Report:

Mr. Cino informed the Environmental Advisory Council that there would be further discussion on the Riparian Grant at future Board of Supervisors meetings.

B. Parks and Recreation:

Mr. Cino stated the Board of Supervisors would be in favor of a tree proposal at both Lookout and Brownsburg Parks. Ms. Magliocchetti will put the proposal together for review. Mr. Baldwin motioned for a memorial tree (Tulip Popular) in honor of William Gunser at Lookout Park be placed on the Board of Supervisors upcoming agenda, which was seconded by Dr. Ford and approved by unanimous vote.

C. Planning and Zoning:

Mr. Kuhns presented a Coca-Cola Grant recycling program. Mr. Kuhns did not recommend the grant due to the application process and reporting of recycled materials. He stated the Township has recycling containers for sale already. An informational Emerald Ash Borer Beetle (*Agrilus planipennis*) flyer was given to the Environmental Advisory Council for review.

VII. Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

Approved March 10, 2015