

UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday February 8, 2011 8:00 p.m. Meeting
Municipal Complex, 1076 Eagle Road

The public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was held on February 8, 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
Bill Fox	Member
Denton Kanuoff	Member
Loraine Muth	Member
Phil Sandine	Member
Dave Kulig	Board Liaison
Dave Kuhn	Director of Planning & Zoning Dept.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: November 9, 2010 & December 14, 2010 meetings.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION: Ms. Magliocchetti appointed 2011 Chair; Mr. Greger appointed Vice Chair.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Upper Makefield Township Open Space Program Discussion.

Mr. Gregor and Mr. Marshall will perform a walk-through of property under consideration. Mr. Gregor will provide time and date if other members wish to join. Ms. Magliocchetti will author an article on the benefits and viability of Open Space for the Township newsletter. This discussion will continue at the next EAC meeting. The Earth Day event is an excellent showcase to educate the residents and public on the value of the Open Space Program. Mr. Kulig reassures the EAC that it is the Board's position as well to keep the Open Space program as it is currently written intact in the foreseeable future.

b. Riparian Grant Process, Con't from December 14, 2010 meeting.

The EAC would like to present at the next schedule joint EAC/BOS meeting the opinion to revise the Riparian Grant Process to overhaul the stormwater management practices within the Township; Homeowner's Association maintained stormwater facilities could be redesigned and improved using monies from the grant fund; with particular interests in creek headwaters taking precedence to those properties located downstream. EAC would approach potentially high-impact property owners as opposed to the current practice of the property owner applying for the grant on their own.

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- c. Traditions Infiltration Basins, Con't from the December 14, 2010 meeting.**
Zoning Director will advise Homeowners' Association and landscaping company as to cut the grass to minimum of 6" at the basins once a year in September or October.
- d. Township Parks Planting Plans.**
Ms. Magliocchetti will arrange a site visit with T&T Tree Service to identify tree species, location and caliper. EAC members will be notified of meeting time if they would like to participate. A spring planting continues to be anticipated. Ms. Magliocchetti will work with Park & Recreation Board and Upper Makefield Youth Baseball League to determine the details and maintenance of plantings.
- e. Act 537 Plan, Con't from the December 14, 2010 meeting.**
Mr. Kulig, Director of Zoning and Planning to meet with new consultants to discuss future planning. Meeting will be discussed at the next EAC meeting in March.
- f. Earth Day Event Planning Discussion.**
EAC continue to invite commercial vendors to sign up for event. Open Space informational materials will be made available. Mr. Greger, Ms. Muth and Ms. Magliocchetti will research the purchase of trees, wildflower plantings, re-useable tote bags for distribution at the day's event, and possibly EAC clothing or hats for members. Total budget for the event is \$1000.00.

LIAISON'S REPORT:

- a. Board of Supervisors:** Dave Kulig
- b. Park and Rec.:** Cathy Magliocchetti

ADJOURNMENT- *Motion to Adjourn made and second: 10:15pm*

Next meeting is April 12, 2011.

Meeting minutes approved March 8, 2011.