

UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday March 9, 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 March 9, 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 8:01 pm.

Present:

Barbara Hirst	Chair
Catherine Magliocchetti	Vice-Chair
Ed Ford	Member
Bill Fox	Member
Paul Greger	Member
Loraine Muth	Member
Phil Sandine	Member
Dave Kuhns	Code Enforcement
Dave Kulig	Board Liaison
Tom Cino	Board Liaison

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Please see separate meeting minutes attached..

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: December 8, 2009 and January 12, 2010. The February meeting was cancelled due to weather.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. 2010 Reorganization of EAC.

EAC welcomes Bill Fox as a new member. Barbara Hirst was recommended to remain Chair and Cathy Magliocchetti as Vice. These recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for confirmation. *Motion made, all in favor.*

b. Washington Crossing Historic Park Tree Replacement.

Due to other pending issues at the Park, it is unlikely planting will occur in the spring. The EAC will remain at the ready for assistance.

c. Earth Day Update-Paul Greger.

Non-profit invitations are sent, vendors invitations are yet to be sent. EAC will provide birdhouse construction event, wildflower seeds and shrubs. Ms. Muth will research getting hats for members of the EAC and re-usable shopping bags for attendees. Items requiring attention: program flyer to be created, arranging for musical performers, schedule the animal show, fixing and displaying the banner, acquiring the police electrical message board for the day's event, notices to schools, checking with the Lacrosse league to see if there are games at the park that day, looking into if the solar panels will be operational in time for the event.

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d. Feinstone/Township Riparian Project.

After Mr. Kulig and Mr. Young visited the affected area on the township property, it was concluded that repairs to the buffer area could be improved and effective if confined to the Township portion only. Another visit is planned after the weather improves.

ACTION ITEMS:

a. Silgato Sketch Plan Review.

As the sketch plan was not as complete enough for thorough review, the EAC is requesting Planning & Zoning create contour, aerial, water features, vegetation maps for further consideration.

LIAISON'S REPORT:

a. Board of Supervisors: Dave Kulig

Toll Brothers, Inc did not receive the necessary extension for the Gray Tract allowing relief from the current stormwater management ordinance. Plans for the White tract were remanded to Board to reconsider final plan approval for stormwater management compliance. The County has yet to acquire the 27 acres to be used as a park. To date there have been no complaints regarding the daily operations at the Veteran's Cemetery.

b. Park and Rec: Tom Cino

UMT has contributed \$500.00 towards the construction of a skate park in Newtown Township. Discussions continue in favor of keeping Brownsburg Park free of signs, and be more flexible with Lookout Park and the ball fields at Sol Feinstone.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn 9:45pm.

Next EAC meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2010: 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted-April 9, 2010.
Wendy F. Mecke

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

As written, the current Heron's Watch Conservation Easement makes any type of driveway entry adornments (*i.e.* entry piers with or without lighting, fences, mailboxes with street number, etc.) a violation. Easements written later are much more tolerant of such typical residential structures. With such structures erected at Heron's Watch the EAC has been discussing ways to amend the current easement to allow for, but not encroach on the current easement. One alternative considered was strict enforcement was deemed too time and resource consuming. Second alternative is too costly to modify all the deeds and bring the easement to compliance. The EAC has decided for Steve Moyer to create a draft letter to the residents to educate the terms of the current easement, stating that the current structures will be tolerated and no further installations may occur. Pictures documenting existing structures will be provided by the Planning & Zoning Department.

II. Conservation Easement Amendment Policy

Steve Moyer will compile suggestions from the EAC regarding the Conservation Easement Amendment Policy and review for any potential legal issues. The EAC will receive this information for further discussion.

III. Open Space Priority List.

With the priority list of potential open space properties provided by the Planning & Zoning Department, Ms. Magliocchetti will work with Planning & Zoning to further refine the list into a ranking system. This list will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for consideration of future preservations.

IV. Cell Towers and Conservation Easements.

As the cell tower erected at Dudley's farm is the only incidence that this may occur, no further discussion is required.

V. Holt Acquisition.

This property is under an agreement of preservation provided it is favorable with the Melsky Tract open space acquisition.

VI. Land Trust Beneficiary.

The EAC is going to request a proposal from Heritage Conservancy to clarify whether a previous proposal to retroactively applying this provision to existing easements that did not have a third-party listed would be a one time or annual fee.

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