

Upper Makefield *Township*

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

November 11, 2014

The November 11, 2014 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to order by Chair Ed Ford at 6:34 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Vice-Chair Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Bud Baldwin, Member Keith Miller, Member Lorraine Muth, and Liaison Mary Ryan. Public Attendees: Ron Smolow and Nicole Kahn

I. Call to Order – 6:34 p.m.

- II. Public Comment-** A. Ron Smolow, 3 Three Ponds Lane. Presented his thoughts on the Riparian Grant Program. Asked EAC members to reconsider taking part in the review process. Stated the EAC provides valuable expertise and experience. Discussion followed regarding the EAC's August 12, 2014 motion to the Board of Supervisors regarding the program. Ms. Magliocchetti stated that the council had not walked away from the process, the actual motion was tightly phrased: the EAC work with the township solicitor to find a better method of administrating the grant. Further discussion followed regarding the unanimity clause of the settlement agreement. Mr. Smolow stated he would like to work with the boards but if necessary, as a party to the settlement could go back to court. Mr. Smolow stated he thought a comprehensive study would be valuable. There was consensus among the EAC that they agreed a study would be worthwhile and have tried several different approaches to funding the study, but have been unsuccessful in convincing the Board of Supervisors.
- B. Nicole Khan, 109 Walker Road voiced concern over the removal of trees and storm waterrun off at the Walker subdivision in the Mount Erye neighborhood. Ms. Kahn stated she is an expert on storm water. It was suggested that she review the submitted plans.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. There were no minutes to approve. There was discussion regarding Mr. Breeden's directive that the EAC reconsider the approved August 12, 2014 minutes. There was consensus that the minutes would stand as approved.

IV. Discussion Item.

A. Disussion of the Upper Makefield draft 537 Plan. There was a question about when the 60-day comment period would begin. Ms. Ryan stated she thought it would be with adoption of the draft at the next Supervisors meeting. There was a question about the public discussion of what Dolington area alternatives were eliminated and why the current alternatives were chosen. It was suggested that actual costs/per homeowner be provided as EDU costs are unclear. There was consensus that the EAC would not make a formal comment on the plan.

V. Liaison's Report

A. Board of Supervisor-Mary Ryan

Ms. Ryan reported on the budget process and stated there were two basic considerations, one to eliminate millage as a revenue source from the General Fund, the other to pay down debt. There was consensus that the EAC supported paying down Open Space debt.

B. Park & Rec.: Cathy Magliocchetti-Nothing to report. There was not a meeting in October.

VI. Adjournment-9:30 pm

Next meeting – Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Approved: January 13, 2015