

Environmental Advisory Council

April 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The April 10, 2012 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Cathy Magliocchetti at 8:22 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Chair Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Phil Sandine Member Bob Needle, and Member Keith Miller. Also in attendance were Supervisor Liaison Mary Ryan, and Dave Kuhn, Planning & Zoning Director, Upper Makefield Township.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval skipped with no comment, moved to next meeting.

Discussion Items

A. EAC 2012 Reorganization- Cathy Magliocchetti-Chair, Paul Greger-Vice Chair.

B. UMT Open Space Program Discussion.

The Property H currently under consideration has decided not to go further with conserving the property. Property Z may be taken under consideration. EAC discusses different ways to attract new parcels. Ms. Ryan offers that the Planning Commission has recommended the Sol Feinstone property (David Library) to be included in the Agricultural Security Easement to the Board of Supervisors.

C. Riparian Grant Process.

Ms. Magliocchetti drafted a letter containing the findings of the Upper Jericho Creek Study to the residents that participated. The Township Manager will review the content for approval and return to the EAC to forward to the residents. A map showing basins and 2' contours will be created for review by the EAC.

D. Earth Day- April 21, 2012

Ms. Magliocchetti clarifies confusion regarding Earth Day advertising signs. The Township will provide table and chairs from the Fire House for the event. Public Works Department has been made aware of their responsibilities for the day. Rain date of April 22, 2012 stands.

E. Noxious Weeds Ordinance, Codified.

Ms. Ryan shared where the Planning Commission is on the progress of creating a noxious weed ordinance. The Township Solicitor has created a draft and it currently being reviewed by the Planning Commission. Reviewing the draft, Ms. Magliocchetti questioned if the ordinance would be enforceable. Discussion will continue to next meeting.

F. Feinstone/ UMT Property Drainage.

EAC discuss the plan to provide successful water drainage to the area between Sol Feinstone Elementary School property and the Municipal Complex property. The \$20,000.00 proposal submitted is mutually agreed to be too pricey. The concern is that searching for a grant to cover the cost of the repair may be seen as some as spending money the municipality doesn't have. One solution may be to install a basin and both parties split the cost. Whatever the project, it should be put out for bid. The discussion will continue to next meeting.

Liaison Report

- A. Board of Supervisors: Mary Ryan-Discussed during meeting.
- B. Park and Rec.: Cathy Magliocchetti-Discussed during meeting.
- C. Planning & Zoning: Dave Kuhns-Thorpe Farm is leasing land to PENNDOT for dumping.
Planning & Zoning Department have notified the PA DEP.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and was seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Next meeting - May 8, 2012 at 8:00pm.

Approved: September 11, 2012