

Upper Makefield *Township*

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting -Wednesday, November 9, 2011-8:00pm

The public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was held November 9, 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 approximately 8:30 pm.

Present:

Cathy Magliocchetti
Paul Greger
Ed Ford
Bill Fox
Loraine Muth
Phil Sandine
Jeff Marshall
Dave Kuhns

Chair
Vice-Chair
Member
Member
Member
Member
Heritage Conservancy
Planning & Zoning Director

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: October 11, 2011 with changes discussed.

Executive Session will be noted on future agendas.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. **UMT Open Space Program Discussion. Cont' from October 11, 2011 EAC meeting.**
Land Trust Beneficiary and H Property to go before the Board of Supervisors November 16, 2011. Mr. Marshall described the different types of conservations. Residents purchase properties with known conservations and regulations then ignore or violate the easement. The EAC discussed ways the Township and Heritage Conservancy could enforce easements.
- b. **Riparian Grant Process, Cont' from October 11, 2011 EAC meeting.**
EAC is requesting a map locating all the basins and ponds with owner information for the entire Township. Also being requested is the pond & storm water plans for the Three Ponds Subdivisions. Dave Kuhns will check the streams located in Dutchess Farms for denudation. The EAC plans to end the Jericho Creek riparian walks by the end of November. In efforts to save money the EAC would like to review new grant applications prior to being reviewed by the Township Engineer.
- c. **Riparian Grant Application, National Lands Trust, 55 Street Road.**
Riparian Grant money should not be used to remove invasive species. There isn't a definite riparian corridor in need of restoration. EAC felt this application and the Douglas application may not meet the qualifications for receiving grant money. Also the EAC would like to finish the stream bank assessment prior considering moving forward on this application. Ms. Magliocchetti will notify Township Manager.
- d. **Earth Day, April 21, 2012.**
Mr. Greger has sent seventy (70) email correspondences to potential vendors for the Earth Day event. Three (3) have committed so far. EAC is looking for a PA system and a stage for a singing group. Girl Scout group is interested in providing concession stand operations for the day.

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e. **Lookout Tree Planting.**

With the assistance of the Girl Scouts, one hundred and twenty (120) saplings were planted at Lookout Park. Also mulch is going to be spread to identify the weed growth.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:10 pm

Minutes approved at the December 13, 2011 meeting.