

# Upper Makefield Township

## Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

February 14, 2017

The February 14, 2017 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair, Dr. Ed Ford, at 7:02 PM. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council, Member Keith Miller, Member Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Bud Baldwin, Member Jack Wiseman, Board of Supervisors Liaison Mary Ryan, substituting for Diana Nolan and Township Staff Cindy La Rue.

### **I. Call to Order: 7:02 P.M.**

### **II. Public Comment:**

No comment from the public

### **III. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

A. January 10, 2017

Motioned by Ms. Magliocchetti to approve the January 10, 2017 meeting minutes; It was seconded by Mr. Wiseman and approved (4-0) with Mr. Miller abstaining; he did not attend the January meeting.

### **IV. Discussion Items:**

A. Grants:

Motioned by Ms. Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Baldwin to "recommend to Board of Supervisors that they instruct staff to apply for the DCNR C2P2 Grant using the information that we developed with the two prior applications." Approved (5-0).

B. PECO Plantings:

Ms. La Rue introduced information regarding appropriate plantings for the pending replanting project. Ms. Ryan led the conversation regarding of The Environmental Advisory Councils participation and what to expect moving forward with the project. Members discussed and agreed a meeting with PECO representatives is imperative to plan the planting project. Members requested Township staff to arrange for a representative to attend the next meeting. Mr. Baldwin suggested that research be done to see if other Municipalities have had a similar problem and what did those municipalities do? Further discussion involved getting Township Residents involved with the project. Members asked Township staff to create a map overlay of the parcels and residents that are directly affected by the tree removal. Dr. Ford and Mr. Baldwin raised concerns regarding erosion for the steep slope tree removal. Members moved the discussion to the topic of funding for the project. Many possibilities were discussed that may be a good fit.

C. Earth Day / E Waste Events:

Ms. La Rue informed the Members of the current conversation surrounding both events. She stated the E- Waste Event is in jeopardy, due to denial to use the location of the previous venue. Ms. La Rue forwarded the request that was blanketed to all Municipalities that were previously involved for suggestions on a new location for the E- Waste Event. The Members recommended the Oxford Valley Mall location.

D. New Business/ Old Business:

Ms. Magliocchetti presented the members with The Arbor Day Foundation program to purchase trees. She suggested the Township partner with the program by having residents use an online system to apply for and order trees for planting. The Township will pay The Arbor Foundation directly with the Tree Grant Funds. Pick up or delivery of the trees is at the discretion of the recipient. The members discussed possible guidelines for the partnership program, such as tree species, how many per address and guidance on planting. Motioned by Ms. Magliocchetti to partner with the Arbor Day Foundation to enhance the Township's existing current Tree Grant Program for the spring 2017 planting and not to exceed \$12,500.00 with the limits of five trees per address and must be Native Species. It was also recommended advertising the program through Township based media. It was seconded by Mr. Baldwin and approved (5-0)

**V. Liaison's Report:**

A. Board of Supervisors:

Mary Ryan, Substituting for Diana Nolan  
No Comments

B. Park & Recreation :

Cathy Magliocchetti  
No Comment

C. Planning & Zoning:

Cindy La Rue

Ms. La Rue presented the members with information regarding different styles of kiosks for the interpretive signage within Townships parks.

**VI. Adjournment:**

Motioned by Mr. Wiseman to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Ms. Magliocchetti and approved. (5-0).