

Environmental Advisory Council

March 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The March 12, 2013 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Cathy Magliocchetti at 8:15 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Chair Cathy Magliocchetti, Vice-Chair Paul Greger, Member Bob Needle, Member Phil Sandine, Member Ed Ford, Member Keith Miller, Board of Supervisor Liaison, Mary Ryan, Heritage Conservancy, Jeff Marshall and Wendy Mecke, Planning & Zoning Department.

Public Comment: Bob Sagolla, 390 Pineville Road, along with his Landscaper came to inquire about the Tree Grant. After explaining to the EAC the intention of the tree plantings, the EAC felt Mr. Sagolla's property would be a candidate for the Riparian Grant and acquired permission to walk the property to access. Discussion will continue at next meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. February 5, 2013. Motion to approve with changes, motion made and seconded. Two members abstained.

Discussion Items

A. Conservation Easements.

Potential easement on Property "D" is on hold pending further review of existing deed restrictions. Property "Z" has no follow up from the Homeowner. The discussion moved to monitoring properties, EAC recommended a proposal from Heritage Conservancy be drafted for monitoring those properties that name the Township as a Land Trust Beneficiary.

B. Riparian Grant Process.

The EAC discussed the Douglas Riparian Grant application. Native tree planting would be a better remedial to the stream than what is currently being proposed. EAC asks that Planning & Zoning approach the Douglas's Landscape Professional to ask for a tree planting plan or the application will be denied.

C. Windpower Campaign.

Mr. Sandine reviews the meeting where he met representatives from SmartPower to discuss the possibility of bringing wind power to Upper Makefield Township. After discussion the EAC determined wind power would not be a good fit or alternative for Upper Makefield Township power needs.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and was seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Next meeting – Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes approved at the May 14, 2013 EAC meeting.