Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors

Environmental Advisory Council February 5, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The February 5, 2013 joint public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors and Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Dan Rattigan at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Dan Rattigan, Bud Baldwin, Larry Breeden, Tom Cino and Mary Ryan. Also in attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Catherine Magliocchetti, Paul Gregor, Lorraine Muth, Bob Needle, Township Manager Sally Slook, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., Township Engineer Larry Young, P.E. and Director of Planning and Zoning Dave Kuhns were also present.

Riparian Restoration and Preservation Grant Program

Cathy Magliocchetti, EAC Chair, provided a presentation of recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on Riparian Restoration and Preservation Fund Policies and Procedures. Ms. Magliocchetti provided a power point presentation about the following discussion topics:

- A request of the settlement parties to allow for the use of the Riparian Fund to conduct a Watershed study within the Township to help better direct resources/projects.
- Requested clarification of use of the Fund to conduct Stormwater Basin projects that are not located within 200 feet of a stream bank.
- A proposal to consider new application guidelines and procedures for review. Included was a request for development of an RFQ for consultants/contractors who want to perform work on Riparian Fund activities.
- A proposal for consideration for a UM Tree Give Away for residents this Spring.
- An explanation of the payout process for these projects
- A synopsis of current projects to date

Discussion followed and Mr. Rattigan asked Ms. Magliocchetti to allow the Board of Supervisors time to review all of the EAC's recommendations.

Public Comment

Guy Polhemus, 882 Washington Crossing Road, commented that developers should pay for the Watershed Study, as this is routine in New York. Mr. Baldwin responded that they do in the form of an Environmental Impact Study.

Steven Markin, 75 Dillion Way, Washington Crossing, requested that the Board of Supervisors put the EAC's recommendations on the Upper Makefield website. Following discussion, consensus was that the memos are only a draft and posting at this time would be premature.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm by Mr. Rattigan.

Approved: February 19, 2013