UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday January 12, 2010 – 8:00 p.m. Meeting Municipal Complex, 1076 Eagle Road

The public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was held on January 12, 2010 at 8:00 P.M. at the Upper Makefield Township Municipal Building, 1076 Eagle Road, Newtown, PA. The public session was called to order at 8:01 pm.

Present:

Barbara Hirst Chair
Catherine Magliocchetti Vice-Chair
Paul Greger Member
Loraine Muth Member
Phil Sandine Member

Dave KuhnsCode EnforcementDave KuligBoard LiaisonTom CinoBoard Liason

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not held; Heritage Conservancy not present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: December 8, 2009 to be revised then re-circulated for review.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Reorganization of EAC.

EAC vacancies will be filled at the Board of Supervisors January 20, 2010 meeting. Reorganization moved to the next EAC meeting.

b. Heron's Watch Conservation Easement Draft Letter Discussion.

Moved to next meeting in executive session.

c. Washington Crossing Historic Park Tree Replacement.

Doug Miller (WCHP Interim Site Director) will provide date for tree planting. EAC will seek volunteers. Mr. Kulig noted while capital funding for the Visitor's Center improvements are available, monies for maintenance continues to be of concern.

d. Earth Day Update.

Mr. Greger will create list of outstanding tasks to be completed by volunteers prior to event happening. Mr. Greger will work with Township Manager regarding "for profit" vendors. He went on to suggest a banner for advertising Earth Day event much like the banner across Route 532 for the Revolutionary Run. Mr. Kuhns added that banner is difficult to erect and maintain, suggesting more like the Fire Department carnival signs that are placed throughout the Township would be as effective for advertising the Earth Day event.

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e. Potential Properties for Open Space Acquisition.

Working from a map and list of parcels >20 acres created by the Planning & Zoning Department, the EAC has decided to use Mr. Kuhns' and Mr. Marshall's contribution to move on to the next step by deleting any properties that do not have appropriate easement potential. That remaining list will be ranked and presented to the Board of Supervisors for further input and guidance on which properties to pursue for preservation.

f. Easement Amendment Policy.

Jeff Marshall and Steve Moyer were not present. EAC will continue to revise draft policy and discuss at next meeting.

g. Township/Sol Feinstone Riparian Project.

EAC discussed whether the Township would apply for riparian grant funding to be put towards the project with Sol Feinstone Elementary School. Prior discussions of this project were done at a joint BoS/EAC meeting. At that time the Board decided it was best to wait until funding was first granted for resident's projects. Mr. Kulig offered to look into the Board of Supervisors' opinion as of late for this joint project.

h. Shared Meeting Minutes.

The EAC suggested that the Park & Recreation Board, EAC and Planning Commission copy each other on all meeting minutes.

LIAISON'S REPORT:

- a. Board of Supervisors: Dave Kulig discussed the Board of Supervisors reorganization.
- b. Park and Rec: Tom Cino discussed Athletic Fields Banner sign ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn 9:45pm.

Next EAC meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2010: 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted-February 4, 2010. Wendy F. Mecke