

UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday October 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 October 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 8:00 pm.

Present:

Barbara Hirst	Chair
Cathy Magliocchetti	Vice-Chair
Bill Fox	Member
Paul Greger	Member
Loraine Muth	Member
Steve Moyer	Counsel
Jeff Marshall	Heritage Conservancy
Dave Kuhn	Planning & Zoning
Mary Ryan	Resident

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Ryan gave a presentation regarding actions occurring at the Washington Crossing Historic Park. In July the volunteer landscape committee removed trees and shrubbery from the riverbank. 54 trees were removed. Mr. Kuhns explained the volunteer group responsible for the tree clearing is not exempt from ordinances and a tree planting plan is expected from the group. The volunteer group has been instructed to remove no more trees from the park. Ms. Ryan asks the EAC for their support to guide the committee for effective, practical forestation. Members of the EAC have agreed to reach out to Park Officials and volunteers to help.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: September 14, 2010

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Feinstone/Township Riparian Project.

This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

b. Act 537 Plan.

Ms Ryan stated the Bucks County Health Department reported since the last study in 2003 seven (7) additional systems in Dolington and three (3) additional septic systems in Taylorsville are failing. Failing is qualified as a system that has run-off present. Due to the higher density of housing Dolington and Taylorsville areas do not have enough space for the ground to successfully discharge the effluent. This discussion will continue and the next meeting. Planning and Zoning Department will provide copies of the effected area maps provided for the current Act 537 Plan studies for the EAC to review.

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c. Cohen/Ulrich Request for Tree Buffering

Homeowners backing up the Dudley Farm cell tower request financial help with tree buffering to screen the tower from their backyard. Carter VanDyke Associates evaluated the view on-site and recommended three or four trees for a successful screening. Mr. Kuhns suggested they refer to the Township for use of the money from the Tree Bank fund. Mr. Geiger suggested that the next cell tower application be approved with the provision of screening the tower from the neighbors' view. The EAC may make a visit to the location. Aerial site mapping will be created and research using the Tree Bank Fund for private residence will be done and presented at the next meeting.

d. 2011Earth Day

April 23, 2011

LIAISON REPORT:

a. Park & Recreation Report-Cathy Magliocchetti:

No mow plan was accepted by the Park & Recreation Board. Ms. Magliocchetti with possibly Mr. Sandine will stake out the no mow area and the landscaper will follow it through spring mowing.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to adjourn 9:50 pm.*

Next EAC meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2010: 8:00pm.

Minutes approved at the November 9, 2010 meeting.