Upper Makefield Township

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting February 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The February 13, 2018 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Bud Baldwin at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Chair Bud Baldwin, Vice-Chair Nicole Khan, Member Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Keith Miller, and Member Jack Wiseman. Member Kyle Dudley and Dr. Ed Ford were not present. Also, in attendance were Supervisor Liaison Diana Nolan, Planning & Zoning Director Dave Kuhns and Staff Member Debra McFadden.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2018

Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2018 was tabled until the March meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Mr. Wiseman asked if the EAC could have a confirmation of a quorum from the Chairman, Mr. Baldwin, for each EAC meeting.

Executive Session: Conservation Easement

Jeff Marshall from Heritage Conservatory provided an overview of property "G.". The EAC recommended that Mr. Marshall contact the owner to discuss the Conservation Easement process and the options available to them.

Discussion Items

Watershed Restoration Planning, Contractor Proposal, Continued from the January 9, 2018 EAC meeting

Mr. Kuhns reported that he contacted Land Studies to see if they would be willing to reduce the cost of the proposal and reported that Land Studies was not receptive to changing the proposal. Ms. Khan asked why the Land Studies model is so expensive since it uses a GIS database. Discussion centered on the Watershed Restoration Planning contractor proposal and the grant.

Ms. Magliocchetti motioned to recommend approval by the Board of Supervisors for the Watershed Restoration Planning Contractor Proposal. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried a 5-0 vote.

Ms. Magliocchetti advised that a second motion for the EAC to recommend that the Riparian Fund be used to pay the cost. Mr. Miller made a motion for the EAC to recommend the use of the Riparian Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wiseman. Motion carried a 5-0 vote.

Earth Day 2018

Mr. Baldwin presented two different reusable Earth Day bags as a giveaway at the Earth Day event.

Mr. Baldwin would like to replace plastics since the theme for Earth Day 2018 is Plastic Pollution.

Mr. Baldwin and Ms. Khan are going to research prices to purchase 500 reuseable bags.

Ms. Magliocchetti will research seeds as a giveaway at the event. Further discussion followed about the event and what would be needed on the day of the event.

Land Development

485 Brownsburg West, Subdivision Sketch Plan

Mr. Kuhns provided a brief overview of the 485 Brownsburg West, Subdivision Sketch Plan. Discussion followed about neighboring septic systems and proximity to wells. Ms. Magliocchetti asked if this was a preliminary plan. Mr. Kuhns explained this as an informal sketch plan and that a Preliminary Plan would follow. The EAC will review the Preliminary Plan.

Liaison Report

Board of Supervisors: Diana Nolan

Ms. Nolan provided an update on the Board of Supervisors re-organization and noted that Tom Cino was Chair and that she was Vice-Chair for 2018.

Park & Recreation: Cathy Magliocchetti

Ms. Magliocchetti reported that she is the Chair of the Park and Recreation Board for 2018. Currently, there are two vacancies on the Park and Recreation Board. The Park & Recreation Board is proposing in mid- March to walk through both parks (No Mow) zone. The Baseball Club proposed to build a T-ball field. The Park and Recreation Board recommended up to \$2,000.00 for grading and engineer review.

Planning & Zoning: Debra McFadden

Ms. McFadden asked the EAC if they would like her to put forth the application to Middletown Township for the Earth Day event held at Core Creek Park on Sunday, April 28, 2018. The EAC unanimously agreed to the submission of the application. Ms. McFadden provided a brief update on the participation of some of the surrounding Townships and some of the entertainment on the day of the event.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Wiseman to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Debra McFadden

Approved: March 13, 2018