

Upper Makefield *Township*

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

July 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The July 10, 2018 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Bud Baldwin at 7:16 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Member Cathy Magliocchetti and Member Tim Thomas. Co-Chair Nicole Khan, Member Keith Miller, Member Kyle Dudley and Member Jack Wiseman 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, April 10, 2018

Mr. Baldwin stated that there is not a quorum for the approval of the April 10, 2018 minutes.

Delaware River Protection, Yard Waste:

Mr. Kuhns explained that Ms. Magliocchetti requested a future talking point regarding whether it was unlawful to throw yard clippings and tree branches into the Delaware River. EAC packets contained an information sheet entitled, "Yard Waste and the Delaware Canal", provided by Maggie Walner, an environmentalist with Washington State Park, at the request of Ms. McFadden. Ms. McFadden supplied an article about the "Unseen Consequences of Dumping Leaves in the River". *

Mr. Baldwin indicated that they have been trying to get something into SALDO for Upper Makefield because there is nothing specific regarding dumping waste into the Delaware River or into the Canal. Ms. Magliocchetti asked whether Ms. Eberle was researching an ordinance at this time. Mr. Kuhns noted that there is a Refuse Ordinance but that it is not specific about dumping into the waterways. Ms. Magliocchetti indicated that it is not just the property owner who dumps the yard waste into the Delaware River, but it is the landscapers, as well. Ms. Nolan questioned the education process of homeowners and landscapers if an ordinance is passed. Mr. Kuhns explained that it is the responsibility of the property owner to become familiar with said ordinance. Ms. Magliocchetti suggested that the education could be provided at the yearly stormwater presentation that the Township Engineer provides in the fall. Mr. Thomas asked if residents along the river could be notified. Ms. Nolan added that dumping is occurring throughout the Township.

Ms. Magliocchetti asked if Ms. Eberle could work on an ordinance specific to dumping into the waterways. Mr. Kuhns said that he would address this at the next staff meeting and will report back to the EAC at their next meeting.

*Source: The Hour <https://www.thehour.com/opinion/article/The-unseen-consequences-of-dumping-leaves-in-the-8226557.php> by Dick Harris Published 1:15 pm EDT, Friday, October 19, 2012

Land Studies:

Mr. Kuhns provided the Upper Makefield Watershed draft map from LandStudies showing the two Watersheds: Houghs Creek and Jericho Creek. The EAC Members who attended the LandStudies meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2018 agreed it was a good meeting. Mr. Baldwin asked what the red

dots on the map represented. Mr. Kuhns informed that the red dots on the map are probable problem areas along the Watershed from an old map. Ms. Nolan questioned whether the Engineers have provided specific information on the problem areas. Mr. Kuhns said that there were no specifics yet but that Wes Plaisted, Township Engineer with Tri State Engineers, and Bob Gray from LandStudies are going to meet within the next few days to coordinate with MS4 requirements. The EAC Members and two Board of Supervisors will participate in a drive by of the Jericho Creek and Houghs Creek as a result of the LandStudies meeting.

Upper Makefield Township Tree Grant Program:

Mr. Baldwin explained that Ms. Khan wanted to get more residents involved with the Upper Makefield Tree Grant program. The UMTree Grant applications are found on the Township website and forms are located in the Township Administration Lobby. The Township will reimburse up to \$25.00 per tree. The maximum reimbursement per parcel will be \$300.00. Ms. McFadden said that when there is a permit application for a tree removal, the UMTree Grant application is included with the permit. Mr. Thomas suggested to publicize the UMTree Grant on Next Door which can be sent to specific neighborhoods and is a very effective way to advertise. Ms. Nolan suggested informing the Home Owner Associations of the UMTree Grant.

Liaison Report

Board of Supervisors: Diana Nolan

Ms. Nolan reported that the recommendation from the EAC for the Wolfinger Subdivision to the Board of Supervisors encouraged the Zoning Hearing Board to move forward with the application. The Board of Supervisors were neutral on the Washington Crossing Inn and the Philmont Properties.

Park & Recreation: Cathy Magliocchetti

Ms. Magliocchetti reported that last year three fields were irrigated at Brownsburg Park. The Park and Recreation Board noticed a significant improvement in grass growth on those fields and is forwarding a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to irrigate Brownsburg Park Fields 5 & 6 at the August 7, 2018 meeting. The Public Works Department recently mowed over the septic system so no trees are growing in that area. Ms. Nolan asked about the cleanup of Brownsburg Park. Mr. Thomas supported the clean up and stated that it was warranted due to the number of plastic bottles, especially in the circle area at the Park, that are more obvious in the fall and winter months. Mr. Thomas suggested doing a community clean up of the Park.

Planning & Zoning: Debra McFadden

Ms. McFadden provided the schedule of the drive by of the Houghs Creek and Jericho Creek for the EAC Members and the two Board of Supervisors.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Ms. Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting by 7:47 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra McFadden