

# Upper Makefield *Township*

## *Environmental Advisory Council Meeting*

*February 11, 2014*

The February 11, 2014 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Cathy Magliocchetti at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Chair Ed Ford, Vice-Chairperson Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Bud Baldwin, Member Kyle Dudley, Member Keith Miller, Member Lorraine Muth, Member Bob Needle, Planning & Zoning Department, Wendy Mecke, Board of Supervisor Liaison, and Mary Ryan.

**I. Call to Order - 6:30 p.m.**

**II. Public Comment-No members of public present.**

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A. January 14, 2014-Motion made to approve. Second, all in favor, motion passed

**IV. Land Development**

A. Walker Road, Cont' from the January 14, 2014 EAC meeting.

Ms. Magliocchetti and Ms. Ryan walked the property and concluded there would be no meaningful impact on the area up for subdivision. The properties having drainage issued along Walker Road would need a professional to come in to assess the current drainage problems. This subdivision is quite a way down from these parcels and would have not impact.

**V. Discussion Item.**

A. EAC New Appointments / Re-organization.-Dr. Ford-Chair, Vice-Chairperson Cathy Magliocchetti.- Motion made to approve. Second, all in favor, motion passed

B. DVRPC/ Tap Grant Program.

The EAC has requested more information on grant offered. Planning & Zoning Department will contact DVRPC to acquire any power point presentation, information and applications on the grants offered. EAC discuss possible locations for potential trail or access to the canal path. Perhaps tie into an Eagle Scout/ Graduate level project? Ms. Ryan reminded the EAC, there is a Phase III of Streetscape Project. This project involves connects the Rt. 532 corridor with the Historical Park Visitor's Center, making pedestrian accesses along River Road to the post office. Dr. Ford noted the lovely condition the New Jersey side of the canal path is kept. Dr Ford went on to say working with another board or a co-applicant would be nice. Ms. Magliocchetti describes to the EAC a previous experience with Consultant and a possible storm water management RFP development with the cost of \$800.00-\$1,000.00. Could this grant pay for a Storm water management study? Ms. Ryan offered that Andy Hamilton, currently with the State, would be a great contact to ask for bicycle trail information. Send Mr. Hamilton's information to Dr. Ford. Mr. Baldwin will contact local universities to see if there is any need for projects. Mr. Miller will contact the Boy Scouts. Send Streetscape information to Ms. Magliocchetti for fact finding, moved to next meeting.

C. Joint BOS/EAC Meeting February 18, 2014.-Cathy Magliocchetti and Bud Baldwin will be attending the joint meeting. Cost and size of the project seem to be exaggerated. 600 live stake plantings, 50 native scrubs and 22 trees over 3200 sq. ft. for \$78,000. Ms. Magliocchetti will talk to the Consultant to get at break down of cost. EAC does like this project other than the cost.

D. Paul Greger Memorial Tree.

BOS have approved \$50.00 for a tree to be planted, possibly Red Bud tree. The EAC will plan for an Earth Day weekend planting event at Brownsburg Park next to Rosemary's tree. Dedicate a brick in Paul's name in the walk at Brownsburg Park.

**VI. Liaison's Report**

A. Board of Supervisors: Mary Ryan-Nothing to report.

B. Park and Rec.: Cathy Magliocchetti

Ms. Magliocchetti reached out to the Historic Park to maintain the trees that Park & Rec. has planted. Also the Circle of Concentration might be better suited if a portion is returned to meadow rather than its current state of neglect. On the park's Master Plan, the Circle of Concentration does have a no-mow zone. Ms. Magliocchetti is waiting for a response from the park.

EAC has some money in the budget for an Earth Day activity at Look-out Park of plug plantings or another planting.

C. Planning & Zoning: Wendy Mecke. Notifies the EAC the Administrative Township Building will be open 24/7 as a "Warming Station" for the upcoming snow storm.

**VI. Adjournment, 7:45 p.m.** Motion made to adjourn, second, all in favor, motion passed.

*Approved at the March 11, 2014 meeting.*