Upper Makefield Township

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

January 12, 2016

The January 12, 2016 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Vice-Chair Cathy Magliocchetti at 7:05 PM. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council, Vice Chair Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Bud Baldwin, Member Kyle Dudley, Member Dr. Ed Ford, Board of Supervisors Liaison Diana Nolan, and Staff Liaison Cindy La Rue. Members of the public were also present

I. Call to Order: 7:06 P.M.

II. Public Comment:

No comment from the public.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Tabled until the next meeting

IV. Discussion Items:

A. Reorganization of the 2016 Environmental Advisory Council: Tabled until the next meeting.

B. Earth Day 2016; Middletown Invitation and Meeting: Environmental Advisory Council asked for Township staff to attend the information meeting and respond to the invitation.

C. Open Space Program:

Executive Session Begins: 7:09 PM . Executive Session Ends: 7:25 PM

Mr. Baldwin motioned "property W" as per the sketch plans dated April 25, 2014 reviewed by the Environmental Advisory Council with maximum protection in the Jericho Mountain area and minimum protection in the Conservation Management area containing open fields. Upper Makefield Township and Heritage Conservancy as Co- Grantors to allow all Deed Restrictions to be removed and demolition of all current structures. To allow one Single Family Dwelling to be built with access off of Eagle Road with Deed Restrictions from further subdivision on the 21 +/- acre lot. Allowing only the three acres containing the Single Family Dwelling to be disturbed. It was seconded and approved (4-0).

D. Houghs & Jericho Creek Study Proposal Reviews:

The Environmental Advisory Council tabled comment until the next meeting due to low attendance.

V. Liaison's Report:

A. Board of Supervisors: Diana Nolan No updates

B. Park & Recreation: Cathy Magliocchetti
Ms. Magliocchetti stated that the last month's meeting was canceled

C. Planning & Zoning: Cindy La Rue

Ms. La Rue attended a site visit with local resident Ronnie La Nassa, Upper Makefield Township Public Works and a licensed beaver trapper. Ms. La Rue updated the Environmental Advisory Council regarding beaver dams throughout the Township. The Environmental Advisory Council recommended they leave the beavers as is because although they are damning local tributaries, the positive benefits regarding flooding resident homes downstream outweigh the minor flooding caused on the corner of Woodhill & Taylorsville Roads.

VI. Adjournment:

A. Motioned by Ms. Magliocchetti. It was seconded and approved (4-0)

Cindy La Rue

Township Liaison APPROVED 3/8/2016 CSL