

Upper Makefield *Township* Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

September 8, 2015

The September 8, 2015 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Keith Miller at 7:01 PM. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Vice Chair Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Bud Baldwin, Member Jack Wiseman, Member Kyle Dudley, Board of Supervisors Liaison Tom Cino, and Staff Liaison Dave Kuhns. Members of the public were also present.

I. Call to Order: 7:01 pm

II. Public Comment
No Comment from the public

III. Approval of meeting minutes:
A. August 11, 2015
Approved 5-0

IV. Discussion Items:
A. Herbicide/ Pesticide

Mr. Wiseman suggested that the Township supply residents with contact information of PA State and other entities who regulate the use of herbicides and pesticides. Mr. Dudley asked the Township also provide a list of questions to residents including what lawn treatments are for, chemicals used, and policies concerning applications during windy conditions. Mr. Kuhns informed the Environmental Advisory Council that this issue was discussed during a staff meeting and the Township Solicitor requested the enforceability of a local Ordinance. Township staff was asked to put together the data to be given to residents and this will be discussed at the meeting. Mr. Wiseman stated he would collect PA State and County data.

B. Open Space Acquisition:

Executive Session 7:12 PM

Return from Executive Session 7:26

The Environmental Advisory Council voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Environmental Advisory Council is in support of the "Property B" Easement and that the monetary amount would be under the appraised value. Mr. Miller asked if our present easements restrict drilling operations ("Fracking") Mr. Kuhns stated he would research the question. Mr. Cino commented that there is political support to resist drilling and at the present the Delaware River Basin Commission moratorium will expire in the future.

C. Budget

1) Monitoring Expenses:

Mr. Kuhns informed the Environmental Advisory Council that a quote in the amount of Twenty Four Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$ 24,500.00) was received from Heritage Conservancy for monitoring conservation easements. The cost would cover inspection of the forty-five (45) properties for compliance and providing a written report. Mr. Baldwin requested that the Environmental Advisory Council recommend budgeting all of the Twenty Four Thousand Five Hundred(\$24,500.00). Ms. Magliocchetti stated it is very important to monitor the easements to ensure compliance. Mr. Wiseman suggested that Jeff Marshall from the Heritage Conservancy provide reasons to do the monitoring. Ms. Magliocchetti asked that Heritage Conservancy decide which properties to monitor first. Mr. Miller asked what fund is used to pay for monitoring services. Mr. Kuhn stated that it is the Open Space Fund.



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2) Watershed Restoration Plan:

Ms. Magliocchetti stated that after the Request Form Proposal comes back from distribution said that she thinks there is a compelling case to pursue a matching grant for the plan development since we can leverage our \$3M fund against any plan that gets developed. Mr. Wiseman suggested that the Board of Supervisors be kept informed of what is coming. Ms. Magliocchetti informed the Environmental Advisory Council that the grant application is due June 16 2016. Mr. Kuhns said he would consult with administration about a budgetary request.

3) Earth Day:

Ms. Magliocchetti suggested that the Township participate with the Bucks County Group as we did in 2015. A request was made to have a revised open space map including a green background, interruptive sign and Township Banner to display at the event. Mr. Dudley suggested that four interpretative signs be produced for possible placement at the Bowman's Tower, Canal Tow Path, and Township Building. The Environmental Advisory Council voted to recommend to Board of Supervisors that \$1,500.00 be provided for the "Environmental Advisory Council 2016 Operation Budget" to cover the cost of the Earth Day Event and interpretative Signs.

4) Consideration of student participation in Council Rock North Ecology Club

Ms. Magliocchetti informed the Environmental Advisory Council about possibly appointing a student in the Ecology Club at Council Rock North as liaison to the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Wiseman suggested that there is invested interest in the liaison being an Upper Makefield Township resident. Mr. Miller asked if there were any Upper Makefield Township students in the club. Contact will be made with Council Rock North to inquirer more information.

V. Liaison's Report

A. Board of Supervisors, Tom Cino:

No Comment

B. Parks and Recreation, Cathy Magliocchetti:

Ms. Magliocchetti informed members that her name was spelled incorrectly on the previous minutes.

C. Township Staff, David A Kuhns:

No Comment

VI. Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Miller seconded. Approved.

Adjourned 8:20 PM Approved 10-13-2015

