

UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday July 13, 2010 – 8:00 p.m. Meeting
Municipal Complex, 1076 Eagle Road

The public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was held on July 13, 2010 at 8:00 P.M. at the Upper Makefield Township Municipal Building, 1076 Eagle Road, Newtown, PA. The public session was called to order at 8:00 pm.

Present:

Barbara Hirst	Chair
Catherine Magliocchetti	Vice-Chair
Bill Fox	Member
Lorraine Muth	Member
Tom Cino	Board Liaison
Dave Kuhns	Planning & Zoning

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: May 11, 2010, Approved with no comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Rodriguez Riparian Project:

Amanda Driscoll and Tom Johnston, of ThinkGreen presented the proposed riparian work to be completed at 967 River Road, the Rodriguez residence. The EAC discussed the logistics of possible neighboring properties being included into this project for a more cohesive repair to the affected creek. The EAC express concerns regarding proposed plantings rather than letting the vegetation establish itself. ThinkGreen noted that planting would speed the process of establishing new native vegetation. This would require a deer fence to protect the new plantings. The EAC approved the proposal given a maintenance plan for the future should be included. Being that this property is in a high visibility area, the EAC would like signage to encourage more Applications from Township residents.

b. Feinstone/Township Riparian Project.

Nate Burns of Langan Engineering discussed with the EAC the cause of the erosion and possible repair to the stream. The major cause of the erosion to the stream that straddles the Sol Feinstone Elementary and the Municipal complex property line is that both properties have a high ratio of impervious surface development creating sheetflows to erode the stream that leads to Jericho Creek. It was suggested the Township seek to meet the stormwater management standards per ordinance to lead by example. Langan Engineering has volunteered to make an estimate and suggestions. The EAC will take these findings to come up with a plan for fixing and prevention of further erosion to the creek, eventually approaching the Township Engineer.

c. Lookout Park Improvements.

Ms. Magliocchetti will attend future Park & Recreation meeting to discuss the EAC's concerns regarding the proposed improvements to the park which could include pervious parking, moving batting cages from the swales, and fence off a no-mow zone.

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d. Bamboo Discussion:

EAC discussed possibly amending the invasive plant ordinance to include Bamboo. The Planning & Zoning Director noted there have been isolated areas of problems, but nothing widespread. Any conclusion to this discussion in the future will be recommended to the Planning Commission.

LIAISON REPORT:

- a. Board of Supervisors: Tom Cino
- b. Park and Recreation: Please refer to the Lookout Park section above.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to adjourn 10:30 pm.*

Next EAC meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2010: 8:00pm.

Minutes approved at the August 10, 2010 meeting.