

# Upper Makefield *Township*

## Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

June 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The June 8, 2021 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Bud Baldwin at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Chair Bud Baldwin, Member Harry Barfoot, Member Kathryn Benson, and Member Cathy Magliocchetti. Also in attendance were Board of Supervisors Liaison Ed Ford, Planning and Zoning Administrator Denise Burmester, and resident Emily DeWitt Grace.

**Confirmation of Quorum:** Mr. Baldwin confirmed a quorum.

**Public Comment:** Emily DeWitt Grace to discuss the Spotted Lanternfly.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- A. **May 11, 2021:** A motion was made by Mr. Barfoot and seconded by Ms. Benson to approve the May 11, 2021 meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **Discussion Items:**

#### **A. Trees for Topper Brick Property:**

A motion was made by Mr. Barfoot to approve \$10,000 from the Tree Fund to go to Mr. Brick. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **B. Spotted Lanternfly:**

Mr. Baldwin introduced Emily DeWitt Grace, an Upper Makefield Township Resident and a Volunteer Naturalist at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, who sent a letter to the Township with concerns about the Spotted Lanternfly.

Ms. Grace explained her uncertainties about the Lanternfly and suggested that community hands-on education might be helpful. She contacted Penn State Extension Services and found that they will set up events and provide education if the Township is interested. Discussion among the EAC members continued:

- Mr. Baldwin mentioned an informative presentation was made to the EAC previously.
- In an effort to keep the residents informed, the Township has previously posted information on its website, handed out flyers, emailed newsletters, etc.
- Social media can provide information but often the posts are incorrect.

- Mr. Barfoot does not think residents would participate in formal education whether it be in-person or on-line.
- The EAC will ask the Township to continue its current efforts in getting information to residents by reposting updated information on the website as well as directing to the Penn State Extension Website.

**Liaison Reports:**

**A. Board of Supervisors – Ed Ford:**

No updates to report other than the Board honored the latest Sargent and recognized the entire Police Department on attaining its certification.

**B. Planning and Zoning – Denise Burmester:**

Spotted Lanternfly traps from Penn State have been installed in the parks and at the Township Building.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Mr. Barfoot and seconded by Ms. Benson to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Approved:** July 13, 2021