

Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council July 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The July 9, 2024 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Cathy Magliocchetti at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Chair Cathy Magliocchetti, Vice Chair Harry Barfoot, Member Bud Baldwin, and Member Ellen Radow. Also in attendance were Township Supervisor Mr. Ben Weldon, Township Supervisor, Tom Cino and Planning & Zoning Officer, Denise Burmester.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Cathy Magliocchetti confirmed a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Holmes of 476 Stoneybrook Rd. came with concerns for the neighbors upstream that are not maintaining their section on Jericho Creek and the erosion that has been caused due to the lack of maintenance and the property damage that could result if the neighbors do not respond to his requests for correction.

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to send request to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to review and request engineering analysis on the log jam in Jericho Creek with removal of debris that is impeding the creek. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to approve the June 5, 2024 meeting minutes with amendments as stated. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TREE GRANT - 1004 COLONIAL DR - REVIEW FUNDING REQUEST - PROJECT UPDATE

The applicant requested a delay for the presentation and request until a future meeting.

BUCKS BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM - PREPARE BOS PRESENTATION

Ms. Magliocchetti continued this agenda item to August.

JERICO CREEK - PLANNING - PROJECT INTRODUCTION COMMUNICATION WITH SYCAMORE FARMS AND STONEYBROOK ROAD RESIDENTS

Ms. Magliocchetti provided an overview of the project.

Discussion followed with the following topics:

- EAC to extend an invitation to a public meeting to present the findings and recommendations for Jericho Creek to all the residents in the Jericho Creek area between Eagle Road and the Delaware River. This invitation to be sent via a letter. EAC to work on this letter with samples and drafts at a future EAC meeting.
- Discussion of the community meeting content. Agreement that the presentation will include a map of the area to be able to show where recommended projects have been identified. Direction to be as specific as possible with the residents, with explanation of the problems and the recommended solutions.

- Engineering support was discussed to assist with technical understanding for the residents. Suggestions ensued that this may be LandStudies Engineers or the Township Engineer.
- There was general agreement that EAC is targeting October, 2024.
- The EAC will have Riparian Grant applications available at the meeting for the residents who would be interested in moving forward with a project on their property.

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to recommend that the Board of Supervisors grant an EAC request for the Township Engineer and Land Studies (via Zoom) to attend an EAC community information meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY DAY - PLANNING

Discussion followed with the following topics:

- Mr. Barfoot has pinecones for the children's activity
- Maps to be made available for the event:
 - Township Open Space map
 - Jericho Creek LandStudies project recommendation maps
- Copies of the Upper Makefield tree grant and riparian grant restoration applications to provide to the residents.
- Community Rating System flood zone planning and insurance information.
- 2 Tables – 1 for children activity and another for all other information

CHAIR REPORT

EAC Chair – Cathy Magliocchetti

General statements to read into the minutes per Ms. Magliocchetti:

- The Board of Supervisors provided a status update on the DRJTBC replacement project for the Washington Crossing Bridge replacement project at recent meetings.
- The updates have referenced that the environmental assessment is being prepared by the DRJTBC consultants as required by the RFP for the Washington Crossing Bridge Replacement project.
- The EAC noted a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that the Township budget include funds to hire proper consultants to review the environmental assessments from the Washington Crossing Bridge Replacement project.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Supervisors – Ben Weldon

Mr. Weldon provided Board of Supervisor status on the Houghs Creek basin analysis that continues on Washington Meadows, Valley View, Ascension Church and Belamour Basins

Mr. Cino presented the concept plans for the Memorial Butterfly Garden at Brownsburg Park. The concept has been seen by the Upper Makefield Parks and Recreation Committee and most of the families involved with the flood victims with positive feedback.

Planning and Zoning – Denise Burmester

No additional topics presented.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: August 13, 2024