

Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council

August 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The August 13, 2024 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Cathy Magliocchetti at 6:59 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Chair Cathy Magliocchetti, Vice Chair Harry Barfoot, Member Bud Baldwin, Member Carolyn Dorph, Member Eddie Hale, Member Ellen Radow, and Member Jack Wiseman. Also in attendance were Township Supervisor Ben Weldon and Planning & Zoning Officer Denise Burmester.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Cathy Magliocchetti confirmed a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to approve the July 9, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

BEAUTIFY BUCKS PROGRAM – PREPARE BOS PRESENTATION

Discussion commenced with the following topics:

- Questions were reviewed with Ms. Dorph regarding the Township responsibilities to the Beautify Bucks Organization. Ms. Dorph will get answers from them and get back to the EAC.
- Ms. Dorph confirmed that the Township will be responsible for maintaining the site after planting.
- Ms. Dorph noted that with being a member of this organization, they will come in with helpers to plant the initial plantings for you.
- Ms. Dorph will confirm the cost of \$75.00 annually. The membership can be cancelled at any time.
- The Beautify Bucks Organization also offers education, and they will post photos of projects to their website.
- EAC agreement to appoint a subcommittee to manage this program.
- EAC will put together a packet for the Board of Supervisor presentation.

A motion was made by Mr. Barfoot and seconded by Ms. Dorph to approve sending to the Board of Supervisors, a packet to support the becoming a member of Bucks Beautiful for the cost of \$75.00 annually. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY DAY – PLANNING

The Committee discussed the needs for the Event:

- EAC members attending will be Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Dorph and Mr. Hale, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

- Mr. Barfoot took responsibility of getting the pinecones, paper bags, Crisco, and string needed for the activity.
- Two (2) tables will be needed
- Township maps requested are: Open Space and LandStudies
- Tree Grant and Riparian Grant restoration forms. Ms. Dorph is working on grant for free trees. This will include a planting guide.
- UMT EAC banner
- Community Rating System flood zone planning and insurance information
- Suggestion of QR codes to link to the website for information on the brochure, rather than making a lot of copies. If QR codes do not work out, Ms. Magliocchetti will let Ms. Burmester know how many of each document is needed. The Township staff will copy and prepare.

JERICHO CREEK COMMUNITY MEETING – PLANNING

Ms. Magliocchetti referred to the letter that is proposed to go out to the Community who falls within the “blue zone” on the flood maps.

Discussion followed with the following topics:

- Dates corrected. Wording changed to give other availability to residents if they are not able to come to the set meeting.
- Request Township Engineers rather than LandStudies attend the workshop rather than a ZOOM conference, as mentioned last meeting in an approved motion.
- Discussed the possibility of past recipients attending the meeting and relaying their experience.
- Mr. Hale will take the lead on revising the brochure and letter.

A motion was made by Mr. Hale and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to amend the motion made last meeting to have both Township Engineers and LandStudies (attend via “Zoom”) rather just Township Engineers in person alone. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CHAIR REPORT

EAC Chair – Cathy Magliocchetti

There was no Chair Report.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Supervisors – Ben Weldon

Mr. Weldon provided Board of Supervisor status on the following topics:

- Washington Meadows Basin and Ascension Church Basins analysis – delivery will be through Dropbox, due to efficiency. Township Engineers are also looking at Belamour and Valley View basins.

Planning and Zoning – Denise Burmester

Ms. Burmester provided Planning and Zoning status on the following topics:

- Open Space updates are complete and posted to the website.

- Information regarding “Sunshine Laws” has been added to the resources section of website.

GENERAL COMMENT:

Mr. Wiseman asked for a motion to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of future meetings.

A motion was made by Mr. Wiseman and seconded by Ms. Magliocchetti to approve the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the future meetings. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Hale to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: September 10, 2024