

Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council

November 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The November 12, 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, Member Carolyn Dorph, Member Eddie Hale, Member Ellen Radow. Also in attendance were Township Supervisor Ben Weldon and Planning & Zoning Officer Denise Burmester.

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

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 Ms. Radow to approve the October 8, 2024 meeting minutes with amendment. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY DAY – REVIEW DISCUSSION FOR TOWNSHIP SURVEY

Mr. Hale and Ms. Dorph attended. Mr. Hale provided an overview of the Event:

- Went extremely well. Impressed by turn-out.
- Recommend advertising to commence earlier. Also, proposed a rain-date.
- Proposed the use of tents for the booths.
- Participants felt the event to be approximately one hour too long.
- Propose to have Food Truck as food went quickly.
- Have 15 minute “tech” talks for the event (to include talks about composting and students to present a talk).
- Will need more Crisco on site next year for the bird feeders.

TREE GIVE AWAY – REVIEW DISCUSSION

Ms. Dorph provided an overview of the Tree Give Away project:

- Very successful.
- People loved the event and the interaction with the EAC, and distribution went smoothly.
- 50% of people signed up, actually picked up.
- Next year will request an email address on the request form for residents wanting trees.
- Would like to request a Township truck to pick up the trees from the donation organization next year.
- Ms. Dorph stated she can get “a ton-of-trees” if the Board of Supervisors would like to request that EAC work on a planting plan.

- Appreciation for Ms. Dorph being available to advise on the different types of trees and how to care for them.
- Suggestion for Township to consider a future tree planting project utilizing Tree Grant Funding. If provided enough lead time, the EAC would like to give out the trees at Community Day.
- Consideration for preparing additional information for the Tree Grants at Community Day.
- Discussed the labeling of the trees that was done by Ms. Dorph.
- EAC recommended planting 20 trees at The Enclave.
- Mt. Eyre Manor properties will be considered in the future for planting.
- Planting along Woodhill Road was a large project that Ms. Dorph was involved in (Timber Knoll HOA). Photos from Township planting are available.
- Requests were made for volunteers for the Live Staking planting project.
- Live Staking was discussed as a possibility for Jericho Creek.

BUCKS BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM – PLANNING DISCUSSION.

Discussion followed with the following topics:

- Brownsburg Park vs. Lookout Park – Much more available area at Brownsburg Park.
- Suggestion to send square footage (3200 sq. ft) to Bucks Beautiful to evaluate the cost-share for the project. Can adjust the plan as necessary.
- The Plan will be distributed via Dropbox to the EAC members.
- Event planned for the Fall (Sept. – Oct. 2025).

CHAIR REPORT

EAC Chair – Cathy Magliocchetti

Mr. Barfoot provided EAC status on the following topics:

- Restoration Project for Thompson Mill and Pineville Roads (two tributaries) may be a future consideration.

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Board of Supervisors – Ben Weldon

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

- Consider a Google form for resident information for tree giveaway (QR code).
- Tree planting – BOS would like the EAC to make a plan for the plantings.
- Ordinances approved by BOS:
Lower Wild and Scenic of Delaware for Jericho and Pidcock Creeks and Rivers.
- Hough's Creek debris removal that Tri-State Engineers was leading, has been completed.
- Butterfly Garden bid went to Seasons Nursery.
- 11 & 19 Aqueduct Rd. – H & H analysis was approved under State and Federal Grant programs.
- Jericho Creek Riparian Repair study to commence with Township Engineers.

Planning and Zoning – Denise Burmester

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

- She stated she is in the process of reaching out to property owners to enter into discussions with Township Engineers for Jericho Creek project.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: January 14, 2025