

Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council

January 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The January 14, 2025 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: Cathy Magliocchetti, Bud Baldwin, Carolyn Dorph, Edward Hale, Ellen Radow. Also in attendance were Township Supervisor Liaison Ben Weldon, Supervisor Tom Cino, Supervisor Tim Thomas, and Planning & Zoning Officer Denise Burmester.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Cathy Magliocchetti confirmed a quorum.

REORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Magliocchetti was nominated for the Chair position by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Hale. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Edward Hale was nominated for Vice-Chair position by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Ms. Dorph. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Thomas of 134 Glenwood Drive expressed concern for a “petroleum smell” to their well water in Mt. Eyre Manor.

Ms. Burmester stated that DEP has an active and open investigation with additional water testing in progress.

EAC expressed their concern and encouraged residents to follow testing advice provided by DEP. Penn State’s Master Well Owner’s Network was suggested as an additional resource.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Hale to approve the November 12, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

BUCKS BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM – PLANNING DISCUSSION

Ms. Magliocchetti would like to present a proposal to the Park and Rec Board for their review. Ms. Dorph will prepare an application that will include a plan and proposal for review. Once approved by all, it will be submitted to Bucks Beautiful and then make a public announcement.

CHAIR REPORT

EAC Chair – Cathy Magliocchetti

Ms. Magliocchetti provided EAC status on the following topics:

- Recycling and trash collection are private / homeowner’s responsibility. Need for publishing of recycling events (Newsletter, Website, or Facebook).
- Ms. Dorph commented that PA Power and Light contacted her and offered up to 1,000 native trees for Spring delivery. The program is only available this year and next, and they need a

response soon. The concerns expressed were the need for people to plant them and lack of time to prepare for a tree planting plan. Ms. Burmester will contact Ms. Hritz (on Colonial Dr.), who is replanting her large property to ask if she would be interested. There was a suggestion to address again in the Fall.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Supervisors – Ben Weldon

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

- Kudra properties – Log Jam has been removed.
- Questions were raised regarding the Washington Crossing Bridge project alternatives, analysis, and presentation. Mr. Weldon stated that once something is announced, he will relay to the EAC.

Planning and Zoning – Denise Burmester

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

- Parking Lot and Driveway at Brownsburg Park. The nature of the pervious material prevents it from being plowed close to the surface, which presents safety concerns as it has become a popular year round walking path. The Township is considering including the driveway as an alternate in this year's Road Program and is circulating this information to both the EAC and Park and Recreation Board. An additional suggestion by the EAC was to use a sweeper to remove the snow.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Hale to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: February 18, 2025