

Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council
March 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The March 12, 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, Eddie Hale, Carolyn Dorph, Ellen Radow, and Elizabeth Thompson. Also in attendance were Township Supervisor Liaison Tim Thomas and Planning & Zoning Officer Denise Burmester.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Cathy Magliocchetti confirmed a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carolyn Morris of 906 Creamery Rd. presented her concern for the annual migration of American Toads crossing Wrightstown Road from the Longmeadow Estates towards Houghs Creek. She reached out to the State and local authorities for assistance but has not received the assistance she is seeking. The toads are coming from a man-made pond to the creek. Her concern is for the toads being killed by the cars on the road. She provided a presentation with pictures and graphics. Ms. Morris is assisting the toad's navigation of the Belgium block curbing, and safe passage across the road. She suggested that anyone who wanted to assist in the efforts attend a training program for education for this migration thru the Schuylkill Center (Volunteers). Ms. Morris is seeking signage, ramps, and advertising on Facebook. EAC members offered technical assistance for online communication for her organization, volunteered to assist at a crossing event, and recommended Ms. Morris work with PennDOT for signage on Wrightstown Road, which is a state road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Dorph and seconded by Ms. Radow to approve the February 18, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

RIPARIAN GRANT – HUFNAGEL – 204 THOMPSON MILL RD – INITIAL EAC

CONSIDERATION FOR VISIT

Applicant was unable to attend, so this item is tabled until the April meeting. Discussion about the process and interim things that can commence to keep the project moving forward.

TOWNSHIP TREE PLANTING PLAN – SIGN-UP/COMMUNICATION PLAN

RECOMMENDATIONS

This is in relation to Community Day sign-up process. It was discussed to be added to Township newsletter with direction on how to sign-up and what information is necessary (name, phone and email).

BUCKS BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM – PLANNING DISCUSSION –

Ms. Magliocchetti stated they were waiting on Parks & Rec for information relating to the project. Ms. Burmester stated that they did respond and had no problems with the EAC draft of the

application for the project. Decision to add to the Board of Supervisors' agenda for the next meeting. Ms. Burmester recommended document submission for the presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Hale and Ms. Dorph will present to the Board on April 1st.

A motion was made by Mr. Hale and seconded by Ms. Dorph to send the Bucks Beautiful applications to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Magliocchetti tabled the discussion regarding "road and water salt" until the April meeting.

CHAIR REPORT

EAC Chair – Cathy Magliocchetti

There was no Chair Report.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Supervisors – Tim Thomas

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

- Gave his thanks for all the support for the Mt. Eyre jet fuel spill. He gave an update and suggested EAC participation. Mr. Thomas identified Dave Fennimore, who has been hired by the Township for this project. He will be doing meetings periodically with the residents and the EAC Committee can also attend the Zoom calls. The Township also hired an Environmental lawyer from Washington D.C.
- The Township's annual trash pickup day is scheduled for March 29th.
- Community Day is slated for Saturday, September 21st. Discussed having someone who can teach composting.
- Mr. Thomas suggested the EAC consider a well care education program for the Township.

Planning and Zoning – Denise Burmester

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

- Butterfly Memorial Garden construction has begun.
- Brownsburg Park asphalt project has been tabled due to pervious consistency and will continue to be discussed as to the best repair for this.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Dorph and seconded by Ms. Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester
Director of Planning & Zoning
Approved: April 8, 2025