

Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council

April 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The April 8, 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, Bud Baldwin, Carolyn Dorph, Ellen Radow, and Elizabeth Thompson. Also in attendance were Township Supervisor Liaison Ben Weldon and Planning & Zoning Officer Denise Burmester.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMBERANCE OF:

Jack Wiseman

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Cathy Magliocchetti confirmed a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harry Barfoot of 124 Beaumont Dr. – Stated his support for the Riparian Repair at Sycamore Farms and expressed his views that property owners need to maintain the creek cleaning of debris. Mr. Barfoot also announced the water testing services offered by Penn State Extension.

Carolyn Morris of 906 Creamery Rd. – Asked, what is a source for increasing awareness with the residents? Who would be responsible for the maintenance of the riparian project? Ms. Fuller from Gilmore Engineering responded, saying that it would be the responsibility of the property owners to maintain.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Hale and seconded by Ms. Radow to approve the March 12, 2025 meeting minutes (with amendments as stated). Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

RIPARIAN GRANT

Hufnagel – 204 Thompson Mill Rd – Initial EAC Consideration for visit

It was noted by Ms. Burmester that Mr. Hufnagel has cancelled his interest for a Riparian Grant.

Sycamore Farms North Stream Revitalization Plan

Gilmore Engineer Amanda Fuller provided an overview of the Plan that was presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion followed with the following topics:

- MS4-DEP has a regulated program. Recommendations were as follows:
London Ct. / Patel / Sycamore Farms HOA properties.
- They are striving for best cost for the best ratio combing the need for MS4 compliance, erosion and flooding.
- Focused on 100- and 500-year storm information for these areas. They ran models for each property.

- Proposals were explained in detail for the project.
- Costs were discussed.
- It was stated that the next MS4 Permit requirements (sediment controls) in 2026 would be focused on volume control.
- Applying for Grant programs was discussed at length. Ms. Magliocchetti gave a walk-thru of Solicitor advice that Riparian Funds can be used for a match and for professional services.
- The property found to have the most impact for all categories was Sycamore Farms North. The cost for this project would be estimated at \$500,000 to \$1 million dollars.
- The EAC agreed that they will be stewards of the Riparian Grants.

A motion was made by Mr. Hale and seconded by Ms. Radow to make the recommendation to move forward with this project as the Township Engineer has analyzed using the Riparian funds for the Grant match. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TOAD TRACKING – WRIGHTSTOWN ROAD ANNUAL EVENT – DISCUSSION

Ms. Magliocchetti provided an overview of the EAC involvement of this project. She stated she did a reach out to Senator Steve Santarsiero and Upper Makefield Police Chief, Mark Schmidt, for help. The request for volunteers for help with this project and EAC is taking a role in this request. EAC to continue discussion of signs for the area..

Discussion followed with the following topics:

- Ms. Thompson suggested education of the Community. Suggestion of Township Facebook page, Upper Makefield magazine, suggestion of the use of different roads during the specified migration and reflective temporary signs.
- Ms. Magliocchetti suggested contacting Longmeadow HOA.
- Ms. Morris suggested information being distributed during Community Day.
- Mr. Hale noted that his feeling was that this is more of a community grass-roots effort rather than a Township problem to be solved.

BUCKS BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM – NEXT STEPS PER BOS MEETING

Ms. Dorph stated that the Interim Township Manager needs to sign the application so it can be sent in. She will then schedule meetings.

COMMUNITY DAY 2025 – UPDATE

Mr. Hale provided updates on this event. He stated there has been a lot of discussions.

- The next meeting is scheduled for April 24th at 6:00 pm.
- Ms. Thompson will be another representative for the event.
- Mr. Barfoot offered large tent via UMBA.

SALTING PRACTICES – DISCUSSION

Ms. Dorph provided an overview. She stated that she put together a list of questions to understand what is being done for salting practices. Ms. Magliocchetti proposed that face-to-face meetings may

be a better way to understand, so she will reach out to the Interim Township Manager to arrange a meeting with Public Works.

NEW BUSINESS

These items were discussed for possible inclusion on future EAC agendas:

- Ms. Dorph stated that a Compost Program was requested by some residents. She stated she would do initial research into the program.

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:

- Extensive discussion regarding Mt. Eyre Sunoco Pipeline leak to include recovery wells. DEP is taking over ACT2 process.
- Terry Fedorchak was identified as the Interim Township Manager.

Planning and Zoning – Denise Burmester

There was no P&Z Report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Ms. Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: August 12, 2025