

Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council

September 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The September 9, 2025 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Cathy Magliocchetti at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Cathy Magliocchetti, Eddie Hale, Bud Baldwin, Carolyn Dorph, Ellen Radow, Elizabeth Thompson and Elizabeth Ferrante. Also in attendance were Township Supervisor Liaison Ben Weldon and Planning & Zoning Administration Assistant, Ashleigh Somershoe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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. Hale and seconded by Mr. Baldwin. to approve the August 12, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

BUCKS BEAUTIFUL – REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

Ms. Dorph provided an overview of the grant from Bucks Beautiful Program to plant 5000 daffodil bulbs within our Community.

Discussion followed with the following topics:

- They did not give a specific planting date as they have to wait for the bulbs to arrive from Holland.
- Planting costs \$2500.00 per Park and Sol Feinstone Elementary received a grant for the plantings at the school (no cost to the Township). There will be additional bulbs for the children to plant.
- The delineation of planting will require someone from the Public Works Department as well as an EAC member to attend, so everyone is on the same page with the location when mowed, care etc.

COMMUNITY DAY.

Discussion followed with the following topics:

- Tree order: Ms. Dorph requested 225 trees & shrubs in tubes with planting stakes.
- The trees will need to be sorted by November 1st and moved to the Public Work building for care until pickup by residents.
- A reach out to Public Works for help in going to pick up the trees. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Discussion to request the funds, not to exceed \$250.00 for a U-Haul van to transport the trees.

A motion was made by Mr. Hale and seconded by Mr. Baldwin to request that the Township cover the cost of the U-Haul van. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- Discussion continued regarding the activity plans, table configuration, and attendance of members.
- They feel they need more than one stand and have 3-4 tables for display and activities.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Ms. Magliochetti brought forth the request of the Township Manager to clarify the EAC budget for 2026.

She referred to the request of \$7500.00 for 2026 as opposed to 2025 amount of \$5000.00.

Mr. Schuster needs to know what the additional funds will be used for.

1. Bird Town
2. Funding 2026 UMT Tree giveaway
3. Native plant funds

A motion was made by Mr. Hale and seconded by Mr. Baldwin to request the additional funds for 2026. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CHAIR REPORT

EAC Chair – Cathy Magliocchetti

Ms. Magliochetti provided EAC status on the following topics:

- “Ready for 100 initiative” – Buckingham and New Hope EACs would like to present this concept for sustainable/renewal energy for the future. It will be a 30-minute presentation. This is a local effort to present initiatives for future conservation regarding energy.
- It was agreed to set up for a future meeting to review the concept.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Supervisors – Ben Weldon

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

- Mt. Eyre Energy Transfer meetings – lack of water pressure concerns from residents.

Planning and Zoning – Ashleigh Somershoe

There was no P&Z Report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Magliochetti and seconded by Mr. Baldwin to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: October 14, 2025