

Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The April 21, 2026 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Ben Weldon at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Ben Weldon, Vice Chair Braun Taylor, Treasurer Elizabeth Thompson, Member Tom Cino and Member Yvette Taylor. Also in attendance were Township Manager Gregg Schuster, Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Township Solicitor Will Oetinger, Esq., Township Engineer Amanda Fuller, P.E. and Chief Schmidt.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Weldon led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Weldon made the following announcements:

- An executive session was held on April 7 to discuss potential litigation.
- Upper Makefield's Trash Clean Up Day is this Saturday, April 25 from 8 am – noon. Registration is still open. Information is available on the Township website.
- The police are holding a collection event for safe disposal of unused medication at the Upper Makefield Police Station on April 25 from 10-2. Details are on the Township website.
- The Township is celebrating America's 250th anniversary with an open house at the Township Building. Add to an Upper Makefield Township time capsule, create a mini-time capsule of your own, enjoy light refreshments and mark this important milestone with your neighbors. Join us on Saturday, June 20 from 11-2.
- Registration is open for the 44th Annual Rev Run on July 4th. Visit RevRun.com for details.
- Fire Marshal John Kernan is the recipient of the prestigious Guy E. "Sandy" Burnette Outstanding Accomplishment Award from the International Association of Arson Investigators. This annual award recognizes outstanding professional achievements, contributions and expertise in the field of fire investigation. Please join us in congratulating John on this distinguished honor.

Bridge Update

- The next meeting of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission is Monday, April 27, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. Residents are encouraged to continue attending virtually or in person and to monitor project updates posted by the Bridge Commission at WashingtonCrossingBridge.com

SUNOCO PIPELINE UPDATE

Mr. Fennimore provided updates of Sunoco pipeline activities related to monitoring well installation, remediation efforts, data/analysis, and public involvement. Eight monitoring wells will be installed, four on Township property and four on private properties; Sunoco will provide the Township with forensic analysis of LNAPL and will provide water quality data from municipal property wells within seven days; and the Township has clarified key milestones for future public meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Ford, 955 Washington Crossing Road, commented on the public comment process, the importance of public input before a Board vote, and on the volunteer committee appointment process.

Jim Nycz, 5 Round Hill Road, commented on potential Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity and the protection of residents.

Pia Ruggles, 5 London Court, expressed support of the riparian fund expenditure request on the agenda

and provided a history of flooding her neighborhood.

Pricilla Linden, 50 Dillion Way, commented on potential Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity and the safety of residents and local businesses.

Chirs Bennett, 6 London Court, expressed support of the riparian fund expenditure request on the agenda and encouraged discussion of ways to prevent similar situations in the future.

Chelsea Purtill, 7 London Court, expressed support of the riparian fund expenditure request on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Cino to approve March 17, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the April 21, 2026 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$587,223.92. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

There were no Planning & Zoning Issues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ADR Investments

Mr. Oetinger explained the request for an expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the Riparian Grant Fund to preserve parcels 47-009-022-03, 47-009-022-04 and 47-009-025-02. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Thompsom and seconded by Mr. Cino to authorize the expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the Riparian Grant Fund to preserve the three properties located at parcel numbers 47-009-022-03, 47-009-022-04 and 47-009-025-02 for the purposes set forth in the Riparian Grant Fund Settlement Agreement. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2026 -07 – Establishing Procedures for Dispute of Stormwater Management and Grading Plan Review Fees

Mr. Oetinger provided an overview on Resolution No. 2026 -07 establishing procedures for dispute of stormwater management and grading plan review fees. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve Resolution No. 2026-07. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Award of Bid – Welded Steel Water Storage Tank Maintenance Contract

Mr. Schuster provided an overview of the bid for the maintenance contract for the Welded Steel Water Storage Tank located at the Heritage Hills facility. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Ms. Thompson to award the bid for a 5-year maintenance contract for the Welded Steel Water Storage Tank to Corrosion Control Corp for the total bid amount of \$67,945.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Temporary Part-Time Finance Clerk

A motion was made by Ms. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Cino to hire Karen Sadovy as a temporary part-time Finance Clerk. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Assistant Zoning Officer

A motion was made by Ms. Thompsom and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the promotion of

Ashleigh Somershoe to the position of Assistant Zoning Officer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Engagement of Interim Finance Consultant

A motion was made by Ms. Thompsom and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the proposal of Kim Kleinguenther for Interim Finance Consultant services. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Ms. Taylor to appoint Raj Kaikini to the Traffic Advisory Committee for a term which expires December 31, 2028. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Award of Bid – Route 532 Streetscape Project

Ms. Fuller provided an overview of the bid for the Route 532 Streetscape Project and recommended awarding the base bid and Alternates 1, 2, and 3 to G&B Construction Group, Inc. She explained that the median islands are not being recommended at this time because the PennDOT approval process would not meet the project deadline, but they could be considered in Phase II if desired.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Taylor to award the Route 532 Streetscape project and Alternates 1, 2, and 3 to G&B Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of \$591,382.10. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2026-08 – Authorizing the Township Manager to Execute All Documents Pertaining to Highway Occupancy Permits and Maintenance Agreements

Ms. Fuller provided an overview of Resolution No. 2026-08 authorizing the Township Manager to execute all documents pertaining to Highway Occupancy Permits and Maintenance Agreements. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Ms. Thompson to approve Resolution No. 2026 -08. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Mr. Weldon announced that the following minutes were included in Board packets:

- Environmental Advisory Council – February 10, 2026
- Planning Commission – February 18, 2026

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Weldon announced that the following department reports were provided:

- Planning & Zoning Department
- Finance Department
- Fire Departments
- Emergency Services
- Fire Marshal
- Police Department
- Public Works Department

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Ford, 955 Washington Crossing Road, asked about the current condition of the ADR properties referenced in the Solicitor's Report and encouraged maintaining it as a no-mow area.

Darry Izzo, 1058 Little Road, thanked the Board and staff for their work and expressed disappointment in the cancellation of the Upper Makefield Fire Company Carnival.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor seconded by Ms. Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregg Schuster

Township Manager

Approved: May 19, 2026