

Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council

August 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The August 11, 2026 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Vice Chair Elizabeth Ferrante at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Cathy Magliocchetti, Ellen Radow, Carolyn Dorph, Elizabeth Ferrante, Noah Norman, and Scott Berger. Also in attendance were Township Supervisor Liaison Ben Weldon and Planning & Zoning Assistant Zoning Officer Ashleigh Somershoe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Vice Chair Elizabeth Ferrante confirmed a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Radow and seconded by Ms. Dorph to approve the July 14, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES PRESENTATION

County Forester, Kayla Templin, provided an overview of the PowerPoint presentation regarding outreach and presentation to property owners:

- Stormwater basins
- Invasive species management
- Native replacements
- Nursery stock and planting

MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

SOLAR ORDINANCE

Mr. Berger provided an overview of updating the Solar Ordinance for the Township. Discussion followed with the following topics:

- The ordinance provides for updates every two years but hasn't been updated since 2013.
- There are technology changes that remove previous concerns, for example all panels today have anti-glare coating.
- It's important that the Township have a goal in mind and a plan when updating the Ordinance.
- The subcommittee will draft a goal, plan, and suggested updates for discussion at the next meeting for further review by the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Community Day
 - Preparation is coming along nicely
- Trees for residents – Committee won't know if they will be available until beginning of September. Plan B would be to have native plant plugs if the actual trees are not available.

CHAIR REPORT

EAC Vice Chair – Elizabeth Ferrante

There was no Chair Report.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Supervisors – Ben Weldon

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

- Updated the EAC on the recently purchased open space property at Taylorsville and Brownsburg Roads.
- Updated EAC on Mt. Eyre Manor residents requesting public water for their neighborhood with the cost directed to Energy Transfer.

Planning and Zoning – Ashleigh Somershoe

There was no P&Z Report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Norman to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: October 13, 2026