

Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors
January 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The January 19, 2021 virtual meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Tom Cino at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Tom Cino, Vice Chair Diana Nolan, Treasurer Tim Thomas, Member Ed Ford and Member Karin Traina. Also in attendance were Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., Planning & Zoning Director Dave Kuhns and Chief Mark Schmidt.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cino made the following announcements:

- Volunteer interviews were held virtually prior to this evening's meeting.
- Township offices are open by appointment only due to COVID. Call the Township at 215-968-3340 or check the Staff Directory at UpperMakefield.org to make an appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Traina to approve the January 4, 2021 Reorganization meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Dr. Ford to approve the January 19, 2021 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$268,644.82. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

There were no Planning & Zoning issues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no Solicitor's Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

UMTree Grant Program

Dr. Ford provided an overview of the EAC's recommendation to modify the UMTree Grant program by increasing the reimbursement amounts to \$50/tree, increasing the deer protection reimbursement to \$6.00/tree, and adding a planting reimbursement not to exceed \$25/tree for an annual maximum reimbursement of \$975 per property. The grants are funded through contributions from developers to the Tree Fund and are not from tax dollars. Ms. Nolan confirmed that receipts would be required for reimbursement and suggested planting on Township property as well. A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Dr. Ford to approve modifications to the UMTree Grant by increasing the reimbursement amount to \$50/tree, increasing the deer protection reimbursement to \$6.00/tree, and adding a planting reimbursement not to exceed \$25/tree for an annual maximum reimbursement of \$975 per property, with required confirmation provided for each request. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Arbor Day Foundation Tree Program

Dr. Ford provided an overview of the EAC's request to participate in the Arbor Day Foundation Tree Program this Spring. The Arbor Day Foundation administers the program through their website and provides guidance for selecting and planting Pennsylvania Native Trees. There is no cost to residents, there are no planting reimbursements, and the EAC will coordinate and handle the tree distribution. A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded Mr. Thomas to authorize participation in the Arbor Day Foundation Tree Program for an amount not to exceed the Upper Makefield Tree Fund balance. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The Board expressed appreciation to the EAC for their efforts to develop recommendations for the tree programs.

Affirm EAC Chair

A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Nolan to affirm Bud Baldwin as EAC Chair for 2021 with thanks for his many years of dedicated service to the Township. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

There was no Engineer's Report.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

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

- Environmental Advisory Council – December 8, 2020
- Park & Recreation Board – August 10, 2020

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

- Planning & Zoning Department
- Finance Department
- Fire Department
- Ambulance
- Fire Marshal
- Police Department
- Public Works Department

PUBLIC COMMENT

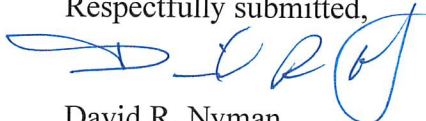
There was no public comment.

Ms. Nolan requested an update at the next meeting on the newsletter/mailer discussed during the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: February 2, 2021