

Upper Makefield Township

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

October 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The October 12th, 2021 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Bud Baldwin at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Chair Bud Baldwin, Member Harry Barfoot, Member Kathryn Benson, Member Cathy Magliocchetti, and Member Keith Miller. Presenter Peter Gills was in attendance. Also, in attendance were Township Engineer Larry Young and Planning and Zoning Administrator Denise Burmester.

Confirmation of Quorum: Quorum was confirmed by Mr. Baldwin.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. **August 10, 2021:** Mr. Barfoot made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Baldwin made a second motion which was met with a unanimous vote.
- B. **September 14, 2021:** Mr. Barfoot made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Baldwin made a second motion which was met with a unanimous vote.

Discussion Items:

A. **Mt. Eyre - Berm Maintenance Review:**

Mr. Young presented this topic. The following was stated:

- In 2011, Upper Makefield's Public Works Department received calls about standing water at 125 Glenwood Drive. Engineering investigated, testing soil and determining there was no non-infiltration characteristics. Engineering and Public Works worked together with Engineering designing a Stormwater system with a drainage pipe and berm. Public Works did the install.

Winter 2021, Engineering was notified regarding drainage issues with the berm and pipe system. The following was discussed:

- Last year's weather consisted of a lot of snow and ice which caused a blockage at the entrance of the pipe.

- Public works flushed out the clogged pipes.
- Maintenance would be done if the pipes become clogged again.
- A resident installed sump pumps that drained water out to the roads. This drainage system caused icy roads. Engineering fixed this problem by finding the road underdrain and redirected the resident's sump pumps to these drains.

Mr. Baldwin made the motion to request jet cleaning equipment from neighboring township to clean out pipes. Mr. Barfoot seconded this motion. It was met with a unanimous vote.

There was a motion by Mr. Baldwin to get authorization from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Barfoot seconded this motion. It was met with a unanimous vote.

B. Holly Pond Farm - Walk About Dates to Confirm Plan Details:

The EAC will do a walk about at Holly Pond Farm, 43 Vansant Road to complete their detailed recommendations on tree placement. This will take place on November 6th at 10:00 am, meeting at the Township Building prior to going to the property.

C. Newtown EAC Collaboration: Peter Gilles:

Mr. Gilles is a member of the EAC in Newtown Township. He is proposing a collaboration between Upper Makefield Township and Newtown Township EACs. The following was discussed:

- Mr. Gilles introduced collaboration for electric solutions to include the following to reduce dependence on fossil fuel.
 - Using solar panels
 - Electric cars
 - Electric car charging/parking stations
- The Upper Makefield EAC members generally agreed that the Newtown Township and Upper Makefield Township climate change agenda is aligned.
- Upper Makefield EAC noted that the community is more protective over open space, lands, and water than Newtown Township and would like to collaborate a bit more on this.
- Discussion of the Comprehensive Plan and the 10 Common Pillars components lead to commitment to deepen the understanding for further collaboration. There was agreement that Upper Makefield's recent submitted comments for the Comprehensive Plan did align with Newtown's.
- It was stated that the EACs could possibly have regular joint meetings to start more collaboration.

The beginning of next year, the EAC will make a proposal to the Board of Supervisors on the collaboration with Newtown.

Liaison Reports:

No Liaison Report.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: November 9th, 2021