

Upper Makefield *Township*

Environmental Advisory Council

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The October 11, 2022 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Kathryn Benson at 7:11 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Chair Kathryn Benson, Vice Chair Harry Barfoot, Member Bud Baldwin, and Member Cathy Magliocchetti. Also in attendance were Planning & Zoning Director Denise Burmester and Administrative Assistant Ashleigh Somershoe.

Public Comment:

No public comment presented.

Confirmation of a Quorum:

Vice Chair Harry Barfoot confirmed a quorum.

Approval of Minutes:

September 13, 2022

A motion was made by Bud Baldwin and seconded by Harry Barfoot to approve the September 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Discussion Items:

Land Studies Proposal

Members reviewed the LandStudies proposal for a site visit to assess the current state of the Jericho Creek from Eagle Road to the River.

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin to move forward with the recommendation to have Landstudies do a site visit to assess the area from Eagle Road to the River. EAC would like to attend along with staff. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barfoot. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Live Staking Project/Status Update

Discussion of the Live Staking program that was presented by the Penn State Master Watershed Stewards. Members discussed the program and how the Township would like to participate.

A motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti to recommend the Township send a request to be part of the Penn State Master Watershed spring planting efforts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baldwin. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Riparian Resident Communication Plan/Survey Letter

Members discussed a communication plan to the residents along Jericho Creek. Members would like to understand which residents would like to participate in restoration efforts. Communication with a letter was proposed. Members drafted a letter to residents for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Barfoot to recommend moving forward with the draft letter to all residents along Jericho Creek, letting them know that there are renewed efforts with Landstudies and polling to have EAC members with staff visit the residents to poll for participation interest. The motion was seconded by Ms. Benson. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Riparian Grant Applications Pending

McHale/Gill – Jericho Creek – 1312 River Road – Riparian Grant

No change in status.

Chair Report:

EAC Chair – Kathryn Benson

No report

Liaison Reports:

Board of Supervisors – Dr. Ed Ford

No report

Planning and Zoning – Ashleigh Somershoe

Ms. Somershoe had no updates.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ms. Benson and seconded by Ms. Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: December 13, 2022