

## **Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council December 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The December 13, 2022 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Kathryn Benson at 7:01 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.

### **CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Chair Kathryn Benson confirmed a quorum.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to approve the October 11, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **LandStudies Proposal Update**

EAC recommends sending all properties in the Blue Area that had previously submitted Riparian Grant applications, as well as properties that have expressed interest, to LandStudies as target areas for review.

EAC made a recommendation that the Jericho Creek site visit occur in early January 2023.

#### **Live Staking Project – Response Update**

Carolyn Dorph, representative from the Penn State Master Watershed Program, coordinated with the EAC for the Jericho Creek site visit.

Live staking volunteers were discussed with a suggestion that Council Rock School District students to be invited.

#### **Riparian Grant – Letter of Intent – River Crossing HOA – Eagle Road and Woodside Lane**

Thomas Kovalcik, River Crossing resident, presented concerns about the pond and stream at River Crossing. The EAC requested confirmation from the Township Engineer that the property is in the Jericho Creek Watershed. If it is, the EAC will coordinate further at the next meeting.

#### **Riparian Resident Communication Recommendations from Staff and LandStudies**

EAC made the following communication recommendations:

1. Send a letter to all property owners on Jericho Creek to let them know about the walkthrough with LandStudies and Penn State Watershed Masters.
2. Hold a public meeting to present LandStudies' findings to property owners.

3. Have further discussions with property owners who express interest in engaging in the projects after the public meeting.

**CHAIR REPORT – KATHRYN BENSON**

There was no Chair Report.

**LIASION REPORTS**

**Board of Supervisors – Dr. Ed Ford**

There was no BOS Report.

**Planning and Zoning – Ashleigh Somershoe**

Ms. Somershoe provided Planning and Zoning status on properties currently active with the Riparian Grant and FEMA Grant programs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Barfoot and seconded by Mr. Baldwin to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: January 10, 2023