

Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council

January 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The January 10, 2023 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Vice Chair Harry Barfoot at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Vice Chair Harry Barfoot, Member Bud Baldwin, Member Nicole Khan, Member Cathy Magliocchetti, and Member Jack Wiseman. Also, in attendance was Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant Ashleigh Somershoe.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Vice Chair Harry Barfoot confirmed a quorum.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Ms. Magliocchetti to keep the current structure of the Council with Ms. Benson as Chair and Mr. Barfoot as Vice Chair. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Ms. Magliocchetti to approve the December 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

LandStudies Jericho Creek Walk

Discussion followed with the following topics:

- Landstudies suggested the Jericho Creek Walk be done on Tuesday, January 17th, which the members were in agreement with.
- Only 3 EAC members or less will attend the walkthrough as well as representation from the Township. Staff will confirm a time with Lanstudies.

Live Staking Project – Jericho Creek Walk

Discussion followed with the following topics:

- Harry Barfoot informed the other members of what properties were looked at during the walkthrough with Penn State Watershed on Monday, January 9th.
- Pending feedback from Penn State, some EAC suggestions for the future includes:
 - Reaching out for volunteers for the Live Staking via the website or any other acceptable forms of outreach.
 - Reaching out to the homeowners of the properties selected for Live Staking and possibly extending an invitation to attend next month's EAC meeting.

Riparian Grant – River Crossing HOA, Eagle Road and Woodside Lane

Discussion followed with the following topics:

- EAC is asking for a date to conduct the site visit.
- Only 3 members or less will attend as well as representation from the Township. Staff will reach out to resident Thomas Kovalchik to coordinate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Elise Rehn, student at Council Rock North, recently petitioned the Council Rock North Administration to create a new club called the Climate Activism Club. She is presenting her club and their cause to the EAC with hopes of achieving the following:

- Conduct an Earth Day at Brownsburg Park sometime after the Earth Day activities at Core Creek Park.
- Obtain support from the EAC for a Climate Activism Club at Council Rock North.
- Give students the opportunity to obtain LINCS Credits by participating in activities.
- General collaboration with the EAC on future projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to support Ms. Rehn's club and to support LINCS Credits for the club's volunteers. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Elizabeth Thompson, resident of Bridlewood Farms and member of Bridlewood Farm's HOA, expressed her interest in the efforts being made to improve erosion along Jericho Creek and being a liaison for Bridlewood Farms. Some EAC members suggested notifying Larry Young of Ms. Thompson's interest in being the liaison for Bridlewood Farms. No motion made.

Tim Thomas expressed concerns about the trash pile up in the community. Mr. Thomas asked if the EAC had any recommendations for areas in the Township that need to be cleaned up. He would like to do trash removal with volunteers in early to mid-March. Some EAC members recommended adoptive highways be notified and reminded of their commitment to Upper Makefield Township to help keep the roads clean. No motion made.

CHAIR REPORT

EAC Vice Chair – Harry Barfoot

There was no Chair Report.

LIASION REPORTS

Board of Supervisors – Tim Thomas

There was no BOS Report.

Planning and Zoning – Ashleigh Somershoe

Ms. Somershoe provided Planning and Zoning status on the following topics:

- Riparian Grant for McHale/Gill
- Application for Moyer at 1275 Taylorsville – PEMA put up to FEMA as a property they are recommending.
- Community Rating System (CRS)
 - Recurring Loss letters are being prepared.
 - Recertification is in progress now through February.
 - Flood prevention message on Close Circuit Channel.

- Letters to all tree companies letting them know about UMT permit requirements and Tree Grant for client is in progress.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Khan and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: February 14, 2023