

Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council

May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The May 9, 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: Chair Kathryn Benson, Vice Chair Harry Barfoot, Member Bud Baldwin, Member Nicole Khan, Member Cathy Magliocchetti, and Member Edward Hale. Also in attendance were Township Solicitor Will Oetinger, Township Supervisor Dr. Ed Ford, Planning & Zoning Director Denise Burmester and Administrative Assistant Ashleigh Somershoe.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Vice Chair Harry Barfoot confirmed a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Ms. Magliocchetti to approve the April 11, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

RIPARIAN REVEGETATION – SUB COMMITTEE UPDATE – ORDINANCE REVIEW

Eddie Hale provided an overview of the Sub Committee Update – Ordinance Review. He provided a comparison between the Township Ordinances and State Ordinances. This is to update the Riparian Zone JMZO ordinance as follows:

- Buffers – Increase Zone 1 setback to 50 feet from the current 25 feet to exceed the State Handbook. Increase Zone 2 setback to 35 feet from the current 25 feet to align with the State Handbook.
- Mix of tree species – Increase the number of trees and shrubs planted per 20 linear feet. Currently, ordinance states 3 shrubs and 1 tree for every 20 linear feet. (Use State formula)
- Increase amount of trees – Base the list of Overhead Canopy Trees on the recommendations from Bowmans Tree List to ensure native species are planted.

EAC is also recommending a Township action (Resolution, Township SALDO Ordinance, or other vehicle) to put these recommendations for the ordinance into action with any new Subdivision or Land Development efforts reviewed by the Planning Commission as soon as possible. Mr. Hale will work on an updated statement to be provided at the next EAC Meeting.

LANDSTUDIES PROPOSAL – COMMUNICATION PLAN & RESIDENT PRESENTATION

Ms. Benson provided an overview of the agenda and prior discussions relating to the Communication Plan and Resident Presentation. The finalizing of this plan will continue over the next couple of weeks. Discussion followed:

- The EAC meeting on September 12, 2023 is being targeted for the Resident Information session.
- The EAC wants to ensure the residents understand the process for applying for the Riparian Grant.
- They want to invite residents who had successful projects utilizing the grant money to share their experiences.
- They want to show what progress and planning has been made over the last 5 years regarding the Riparian Restoration.
- EAC consideration to all costs to ensure Riparian funds can go to solutions, not Professional Services when not warranted.

CHAIR REPORT

EAC Chair – via Vice Chair – Harry Barfoot

- The Committee is receptive to the idea of the Pickleball Court as the Park and Rec Committee has proposed at Brownsburg Park and would like to consider replacing the no mow zone in a different area of the Park.

LIASION REPORTS

Board of Supervisors – Dr. Ed Ford

Dr. Ford provided Board of Supervisor status on the following topics:

- Discussed ambulance services. He confirmed we are covered in the Township for Emergency Services.
- Recently AG Litigation has ruled in favor of the Township. Township will mandate enforcement.

Planning and Zoning – Denise Burmester

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

- CRS presentation for Level 8 will be presented by FEMA at the May 17, 2023 BOS Meeting.
- River Crossing is preparing an application and is looking for an Engineer.
- Kaniewski Ranch sub-division is moving forward.
- Tree Grant for Ms. Hritz – will be presented at the next BOS meeting.
- Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic Rivers Partnership is coming back to EAC and will be notified when that will occur. The BOS asked additional questions and needed more detail regarding this.
- E-Waste Collection - The Committee was receptive to the program grant with hesitation to ensure costs of running such a program will not be more than the grant money. They are asking for more details of this program.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Hale to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: June 13, 2023