

Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council

June 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The June 13, 2023 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Kathryn Benson 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, and Member Eddie Hale. Also in attendance were Township Supervisor Dr. Ed Ford, Planning & Zoning Officer Denise Burmester and Administrative Assistant Ashleigh Somershoe.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Kathryn Benson confirmed a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Thomas of 868 Dolington Acres Rd. announced the Upper Makefield Township Trash Pick-up Day will be the 3rd Saturday in March annually. He also announced plans for an annual Upper Makefield Community Day. Activities to be presented were suggested as follows:

- EAC – Recycling
- Pinecone Feeders

He requested that the EAC members volunteer for the sub-committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to approve the May 9, 2023 meeting minutes Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

LANDSTUDIES PROPOSAL – Communication Plan and Resident Presentation Review

Committee commenced discussion regarding discussion points from the prior meeting.

Discussion followed with the following:

- Former recipients – Need to review to determine if there is anyone willing to present to residents the experience.
- Discussed involvement of LandStudies. They stated a need to get estimates for services from them. It was requested to have them in person to walk through the maps.
- Funding for the project.

The goal is for the EAC to understand the engagement of the property owners.

- The EAC will review the old letter to construct the new letter at the July meeting. The old letter was sent 5 years ago.
- Discussed residents to engage:
 - Patel, McHale/Gill, Sycamore Farms
 - 5 properties at London Ct. and down River.
- The EAC needs parameters to understand what we can offer to help residents get started.
- The suggestion for the residents to reach out to the DEP.
- Suggestion that LandStudies can offer advice.
- Confirmed there are 2 separate audiences for the community meeting:
 - Those who have come to the Township and those who the Township want to engage.

RIPARIAN ORDINANCE

Member - Eddie Hale

Mr. Hale discussed the update for the Riparian Ordinance and reference to the Bowman's Hill native tree list being the correct updated list. Suggestion was made to do a yearly update with Bowman's Hill. Mr. Hale will send another update to the Ordinance, which will then be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

CHAIR REPORT

EAC Chair – Kathryn Benson

Ms. Benson provided EAC status on the following topics:

- Council Rock S.T.E.A.M. was a successful night of education on Watershed, which had approximately 500 students.

LIASION REPORTS

Board of Supervisors – Dr. Ed Ford

There was no BOS Report.

Planning and Zoning – Denise Burmester

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

- Ritz Tree Grant has been approved
- We will be reaching out for
 - LandStudies
 - Residents to confirm for September meetings
 - Ms. Burmester is meeting with Mr. Patel next week.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Barfoot and seconded by Mr. Baldwin to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: September 12, 2023