

## **Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council September 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The September 12, 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, Member Eddie Hale, Member Cathy Magliocchetti, and Member Jack Wiseman. Also in attendance were Township Supervisor Dr. Ed Ford, and Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant Ashleigh Somershoe.

### **CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Chair Kathryn Benson confirmed a quorum.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Hank Lieberman of 315 Stoneybrook Rd. is a 45-year resident of Upper Makefield and has lived for the last 26 years with the Jericho River behind his house. He gave his history of Riparian Grant Program and the riparian concerns with his property. Mr. Lieberman requested engagement between the Township and neighbors to his property in solutions.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **June 13, 2023**

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Hale to approve the June 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Magliocchetti abstained. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **July 11, 2023**

No quorum

#### **August 8, 2023**

No quorum

### **RIPARIAN GRANT – LOWE (19 AQUEDUCT ROAD) & YOUNG (11 AQUEDUCT ROAD) – CULVERT CONVERSION TO BRIDGE**

Jereme Lowe of 19 Aqueduct Rd. and Jennifer Hitchner of 11 Aqueduct Rd. provided an overview of the applications for a Riparian Grant.

Discussion followed with the following topics:

- Culverts to change to bridges
- Damaged driveways
- There had been a previous Riparian Grant awarded for the property at 19 Aqueduct Road.
- Discussed having Township Engineers present at next month's meeting to discuss going forward with the BOS recommendation.
- EAC members agreed to at least 2 members to go on a site visit.
- The visit will be scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Barfoot to recommend the site visit by EAC to the properties. Motion carried by a unanimous vote

A motion was made by Mr. Hale and seconded by Ms. Magliocchetti to approve the Township Engineer's attendance at the next EAC meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **CHAIR REPORT**

#### **EAC Chair – Kathryn Benson**

Ms. Benson provided EAC status on the following topics:

- She suggested to postpone public outreach meeting re: Jericho Creek, possibility to first quarter of next year.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

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

- Budget workshops start on September 13, 2023.
- Dr. Ford provided his thoughts regarding the Riparian Application and area development impact.

#### **Planning and Zoning – Ashleigh Somershoe**

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

- The following are the updates for July 15<sup>th</sup> Flash Flood:
  - Eighty-five (85) residents have reported damage which has been filed with county, state, and federal agencies.
  - The Township Planning and Zoning Department is working with residents on individual recovery efforts.
  - Roads and road culverts have all been repaired from the storm via the Township Public Works Department and PennDOT.
  - Houghs Creek cleanup efforts have made significant progress by the residents and Township.
  - The Township has been working with County, DEP, and Army Corps with additional site visits and resources from those agencies reviewing the damaged areas in the Township.
  - The Township continues its ongoing efforts with riparian maintenance and stormwater monitoring with the MS4 program and the ongoing efforts of this EAC.
  - The Township continues its efforts with flood plain maintenance with the Community Rating System participation with PEMA and FEMA. These resources have also been engaged with the situation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Hale to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: October 10, 2023