

Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council

April 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The April 14, 2026 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Eddie Hale at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Eddie Hale, Cathy Magliocchetti, Ellen Radow, Elizabeth Ferrante, and Noah Norman. Also in attendance were Township Supervisor Liaison Ben Weldon, Public Works Superintendent Matt Gorman, and Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant Ashleigh Somershoe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Eddie Hale confirmed a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and seconded by Ms. Ferrante to approve the February 10, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Matt Gorman from the Township Public Works Department provided an overview of the annual Township Property Maintenance Plan. Discussion followed with the following topics:

- Successful cutting of the “Parks” by the Public Works Department and whether to have them continue. This would help with anticipated costs.
- Need for purchasing equipment for this task.
- Timing of mowing of open space and no-mow zoning. The EAC would like to set up a walkthrough of the no-mow area of Mt. Eyre. Once Ms. Dorph is back from her trip a time can be set to do this.

MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY – DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR COUNTY TRAINING AND PARTICIPATION

Mr. Hale relayed that at this point there is not much information at this time. New EAC member, Scott Beck, has volunteered to represent Upper Makefield EAC.

A motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and seconded by Ms. Ferrante to approve Mr. Scott Beck to be the Upper Makefield representative at this proceeding. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

These items were discussed for possible inclusion on future EAC agendas:

- Toad Crossing efforts were successful last year (Wrightstown Road). Suggestion was made for Carolyn, a concerned citizen, to have a meeting with the Township Manager.

- New “dark sky friendly” lighting is to be installed at the municipal buildings.
- Ms. Ferrante gave updates regarding Community Day festivities. She stated that there is now a committee which includes the new school Principal and that volunteers / students from the school will participate. Next committee meeting will be May 6th at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIR REPORT

EAC Chair – Eddie Hale

Mr. Hale provided EAC status on the following topics:

- He will attend the Regional EAC Conference scheduled for April 25, 2026 and will also be a speaker to discuss various topics, including open space.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Supervisors – Ben Weldon

Mr. Weldon provided Board of Supervisor status on the following topics:

- He gave updates on the planting of the bulbs.
- Introduced the new board members and gave some background.
- Grants are still being explored.

Planning and Zoning – Ashleigh Somershoe

- The Recurring Loss letters (CRS – Community Rating System) were sent out by the Township.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Ferrante and seconded by Ms. Radow to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Burmester

Director of Planning & Zoning

Approved: May 12, 2026