

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
January 24, 2022 Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council convened on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the township building, 676 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA 19380. The agenda was posted on the front door of the township building and on the Township website at <https://www.eastbradford.org> as required by the Sunshine Law.

MEMBERS PPRESENT

Kathy Bergmann
Ed McConnell
Brooke Davis
Paul Lewis
Paul Lucot

STAFF/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lucas, Township Engineer

MEMBERS/STAFF NOT PRESENT: Maura Sheehan and John Snook

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:00 pm, the EAC meeting was called to order by Ed McConnell

MINUTES

Kathy Bergmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2021, regular meeting with a correction that Paul Lucot not Paul Lewis was researching solar shingles. Brooke Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Mark Lucas was appointed temporary Chair to preside over the election. Paul Lucot nominated Brooke Davis for Chair. Paul Lewis seconded the nomination and the nomination passed unanimously. Ed McConnell nominated Paul Lucot for Vice -Chair. Paul Lewis seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously. Brooke Davis then took over the meeting. Kathy Bergmann will continue to take the meeting minutes.

FILLING VACANCY ON EAC COMMITTEE

The EAC conducted a phone interview with Rhona Klein, who had expressed an interest in serving on the EAC. Rhona has a very impressive resume with experience in stormwater management, setting up EACs in other municipalities and serving on an EAC in her former Township. Brooke Davis made a motion to recommend to the Board to appoint Rhona Klein to the position. Paul Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The EAC looks forward to having Rhona join our committee and will benefit from her extensive experience.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – no updates

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES

SD # 632 - Darlington Ridge-almost sold out
SD # 641 - West Chester Crossings-Construction continues, and units are being sold quickly

OPEN BURNING DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The EAC briefly discussed the draft ordinance, and we are pleased that the Board updated the ordinance to include our recommendation to ban burning during red flag warnings.

TRASH TALKING/ SINGLE USE PLASTICS

West Chester Borough's single use plastic ban is now in effect. Ed McConnell contacted Will Williams from the Borough to inquire whether they have had any feedback from residents and businesses and how they intend to measure its success. He has not heard back from the inquiry.

Paul Lucot attended a Zero Waste meeting in December. He had nothing significant to report but did find out that the Borough's waste composting program never got off the ground.

ENERGY

There is a new and improved website for the clean energy group. <https://www.wcaceanenergy.org>

The group is working on 3 different education modules in parallel. Ed McConnell is building information for the small business module. The group hopes to have a public meeting later in the year.

The PA legislature is considering House Bill 1947 which would prevent municipalities from restricting certain utility services. California has banned natural gas for new construction, and other states have blocked such bans. Rather than implement bans, incentive programs may work better.

The EAC discussed the new building roof and the timeframe for replacing the roof. Ed McConnell and Paul Lucot have been looking into pricing on solar shingles and found that Tesla shingles are very expensive. GAF Energy has a cheaper solar shingle, but they do not supply businesses at this point, and they are still developing their business. Since the roof replacement needs to be done by Spring or Summer, the EAC recommends that the Board replace the roof with standard shingles and consider solar panels in the future. Also, we support continuing to purchase renewable energy.

Chester County sent a letter to municipal officials stating that the County plans on establishing a C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) financing program. Once the C- PACE program is established, owners of commercial property in the county may utilize this program to finance an energy efficiency, clean energy, or water conservation project.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Paul Lucot reported that the clean-up work being organized for the Brandywine Picnic Park has stalled because of problems with FEMA funding for business. Our State Representative is looking into the problem.

Kathy Bergmann is attending a nine-hour seminar series on climate change and municipal preparedness. She will summarize the series in a report for the Township.

INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS

Deer Management – the season ends this Saturday. The harvest so far is 35 which is better than last season. Spotted Lanternfly- reports indicate that the SLF may have moved on.

REVIEW OF ABC MINUTES-The EAC briefly discussed new assignments

ROUNDTABLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- none

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC: No work session needed on February 7, 2022. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Brooke Davis made a motion to adjourn, and Paul Lewis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Davis