

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
February 28, 2022 Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council convened on Monday, February 28, 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 PRESENT

Kathy Bergmann
Ed McConnell
Brooke Davis
Paul Lewis
Paul Lucot
Maura Sheehan

STAFF/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mandie Cantlin, Mark Lucas and John Snook

MEMBERS/STAFF NOT PRESENT: Rhona Klein joined the meeting by phone

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:04 pm, the EAC meeting was called to order by Brooke Davis

MINUTES

Kathy Bergmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2022, regular meeting with a correction of the spelling of Rhona Klein's name. Paul Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – no updates

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES

SD# 632- Darlington Ridge- Stormwater basins are not draining at all or very slowly. The Township will monitor the basins for proper drainage, especially after they are converted to permanent basins.

SD# 641- West Chester Crossings- screen tree came down and had to be removed. The tree will be replaced by builder.

TRASH TALKING/ SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Maura Sheehan contacted Will Williams the sustainability coordinator in West Chester Borough to determine if they had plans for assessing the success of their ordinance. It is too early for an assessment, but they are working on compliance. There was some pushback from the West Chester Business Improvement Group stating that delivery services were not charging for bags but take-out at restaurants were charging. The Borough updated the ordinance to make the charge optional.

There are 25 businesses signed up for the sustainable storefront program. That program requires businesses to use recyclable containers for take-out and other sustainable practices.

West Goshen Township has also passed a single use bag and single use plastic straw ban. The ordinance will take effect April 22, 2022. With surrounding municipalities enacting ordinances banning single use plastics it makes sense for East Bradford to be consistent with our neighbors especially since most shoppers do not know the municipal boundaries. Maura Sheehan volunteered to draft an ordinance for our next meeting modelling the Borough's and West Goshen's ordinances.

The trash and recycling contract needs to be re-bid at the end of the year. The EAC discussed ways to improve recycling and whether a survey could capture whether residents understand what can be recycled and what should not be thrown in the trash (electronics). For the next bid, supplying residents with covered recycling containers should be considered. The EAC will continue to discuss the bid in future meetings and give recommendations to the Board before the contract is bid.

ENERGY

There is a new and improved website for the clean energy group. <https://www.wcaceanenergy.org>
Ed McConnell is attending a webinar on March 9th concerning community choice aggregation. This program permits the municipality to select the default energy supplier for the entire municipality. This program is not currently allowed in PA.

Chester County has established the C- PACE program where owners of commercial property in the county may finance an energy efficiency, clean energy, or water conservation project with county taxes. The County will provide the Township upon request information on the C-PACE program.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Kathy Bergmann attended a Climate Change webinar and summarized the information in a report. The main take away from the series is that climate change is here, and the Township needs to become resilient to the effects of these changes. The Township needs to review critical infrastructure and services that could fail with more intense storms and increased temperatures and plan for adapting/protecting these structures from climate extremes. Climate change impacts need to be considered in every plan, project, service, and activity the Township undertakes in the future. Mandie suggested that climate change impacts could be part of the update to the Township's Emergency Management Plan. Mark Lucas has an inventory of all bridges and their ownership in the Township which could be used for planning and risk assessment.

INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS

Deer Management – 38 deer were harvested for the season. The officers will meet next month to discuss rule changes. Because of increased use of Mt. Bradford this property will not be hunted next season.

Spotted Lanternfly- continue to scrape eggs and hopefully the SLF has moved on or is being eaten by a predator.

REVIEW OF ABC MINUTES- new assignments were made for reviewing minutes.

- Board of Supervisor- Maura Sheehan
- Planning Commission- Paul Lewis
- Trails- Rhona Klein
- Historical Commission- Brooke Davis
- Parks and Rec- Paul Lucot
- Traffic Commission- Kathy Bergmann

ROUNDTABLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-none

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

ADJOURNMENT: Maura made a motion to adjourn, and Paul Lewis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Davis