

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
March 27, 2023**

The East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council convened on Monday, March 27, 2023, 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**

Brooke Davis  
Kathy Bergmann  
Paul Lewis  
Paul Lucot  
Rhona Klein  
Ed McConnell

**STAFF/ BOARD PRESENT:** Mark Lucas

**MEMBERS/STAFF NOT PRESENT:** Bruce Laverty and Maura Sheehan

**CALL TO ORDER:** At 7:05 pm, the EAC meeting was called to order by Brooke Davis.

**MINUTES**

Paul Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2023, regular meeting. Ed McConnell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES**

SD# 632- Darlington Ridge- Toll has asked the Township for a final punch list.

SD# 641- West Chester Crossings- Building continues. The Fire Marshall enforced the ordinance that grills on decks be located 10ft from flammable materials.

Trash talking/Single Use Plastics- no updates.

**ENERGY**

Ed McConnell's article on the Inflation Reduction Act and reducing your energy bills was in the Winter/Spring Newsletter. Ed McConnell reworked the graphic on the Inflation Reduction Act which highlights in pictures the tax rebates and credits available for a 4-person home in West Chester with a combined income of \$150,000. The website <https://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/iracalculator> calculates the rebates/tax credits available for your zip code and household income. The EAC recommends that the graphic be placed on the Township website under the EAC energy section.

Community Engagement- The energy group is planning an April 15<sup>th</sup> sustainability event sponsored by East and West Goshen Townships. The event will be held on April 15, 2023, from 1-5 pm at East Goshen Community Park. The event will include environmentally and sustainability focused vendors and will include fun for the entire family. The EAC recommends that the Township post the event information on the website and Facebook page.

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

No updates.

**COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE REVIEW**

The planning commission is discussing 2 commercial districts. One regular commercial district along 322 and a village type commercial district at Strodes Mill and along Strasburg Rd. The EAC discussed that in the ordinance review the Township needs to make the permit process easier for ground mounted solar panels. Currently it requires conditional use hearing which is a difficult process. Solar panels on roofs are much easier.

## **INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS**

Spotted Lanternfly- Some trees of heaven have been removed from Shaw's Bridge Park. Saplings do need to be treated to prevent regrowth.

## **REVIEW OF ABC 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.**

Tree planting events are planned for Shaw's Bridge Park on April 15<sup>th</sup> and at Plum Run on April 22<sup>nd</sup> . Register on the Township website.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC:** There will be no work session and the next regular meeting will be April 24, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rhona Klein made a motion to adjourn, and Paul Lucot seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Davis