

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

The East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council convened on Monday, March 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 Bergman
Brooke Davis
Rhona Klein
Paul Lucot
Maura Sheehan

STAFF/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lucas

MEMBERS/STAFF NOT PRESENT: Ed McConnell, Paul Lewis, and John Snook

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Labus

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:02 pm, the EAC meeting was called to order by Brooke Davis

MINUTES

Maura Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2022, regular meeting. Kathy Bergmann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – no updates and likely no work until later in 2022

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES

SD# 632- Darlington Ridge- Completion anticipated in the fall.

SD# 641- West Chester Crossings- Construction moving quickly

TRASH TALKING/ SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Single use plastic bag and plastic straw regulation ordinance

Maura Sheehan developed a draft ordinance for East Bradford Township using West Chester Borough and West Goshen ordinances as a model. The EAC discussed the overall ordinance and the general concepts. Paul Lucot expressed concern that the ordinance was too wordy and could be condensed. He showed a copy of a simpler, 3-page ordinance from his previous residence in Natick, MA. The EAC agreed with his suggestion and after some discussion the committee decided to draft the ordinance with input from the members and then let the staff, supervisors and solicitor add the necessary language. The EAC also discussed the fees for providing compliant bags and enforcement. The group considered a bag fee of \$0.10, and the fee could be increased by a resolution of the Board. Based on other ordinances, the Township manager or designee would be responsible for enforcement. The EAC considered an initial written warning notice of violation and as needed thought it was reasonable to assess fines of \$100.00 for the first, \$200.00 for the second and \$500.00 for the third violation in the same year. The EAC thanked Maura for her hard work, and we will discuss the revised draft at our next meeting.

ENERGY

Ed McConnell has arranged a presentation from Sage Energy Consulting for our next meeting.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Kathy Bergmann informed the EAC about a presentation at the Brandywine Conservancy on March 31st spotlighting their program for municipalities to develop climate action plans and develop climate resiliency plans. They also will be discussing the impacts of the flooding from Hurricane Ida. Brooke and Paul Lucot plan on attending.

INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS

Deer Management – Mark Lucas indicated that Mount Bradford Preserve will no longer be hunted because of the increased usage of the park. The BVAC group typically kills 30-45 deer per season, but that is not really controlling the deer population. Other methods like sterilization would be costly and not effective unless done on a regional basis.

Spotted Lanternfly- hopefully the recent freeze has killed the emerging SLF.

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 April 4, 2022. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Before adjournment Brooke asked our guest Lorraine if she had any questions. Brooke made a motion to adjourn, and Kathy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Davis