

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
April 25, 2022 Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council convened on Monday, April 25, 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
Brooke Davis
Paul Lucot
Paul Lewis
Rhona Klein
Ed McConnell
Maura Sheehan

MEMBERS/STAFF NOT PRESENT: Mandie Cantlin, Mark Lucas, John Snook

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Goernamann- Upper Merion EAC (SAGE)

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 March 28, 2022, regular meeting. Paul Lucot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – no updates and EAC decided to remove from Agenda

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES

SD# 632- Darlington Ridge- no updates

SD# 641- West Chester Crossings- no updates

TRASH TALKING/ SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Single use plastic bag and plastic straw regulation ordinance

Maura Sheehan made two drafts of the ordinance, with the second draft condensing the purpose and findings. The EAC agreed that the fee for compliant bags should be determined by the Board of Supervisors, eliminating the need to revise the ordinance with any fee changes. Similarly, penalties for violations after issuance of a written warning will be determined by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. Penalties shall be on an escalating scale for subsequent violations. The EAC recommends that the Board initially set the compliant bag fee at \$.10 and the fines for violations at \$ 100 for 1st violation, \$ 200 for 2nd violation and \$ 500 for 3rd violation. Maura will make the change that the compliant bag fees and penalties will be determined by Board resolution. Rhona made a motion to submit this revised draft to the Board of Supervisors and Staff for review and action. Paul Lewis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ENERGY

Elizabeth Goernemann gave a presentation on SAGE (Southeastern PA Alliance of Green Enterprises) which is a nonprofit group started by Upper Merion EAC to encourage businesses to become greener. The program is focused on all businesses and lists a series of actions which the business can take to be greener. The business pays a fee to join and earns points by conserving energy with LEDs, replacing gas heat with geothermal or other

sustainable practices. Bronze, silver, and gold certification is based on total points earned and this certification can be displayed on their website or storefront. SAGE is currently in the start up phase and waiting for nonprofit organization designation. The group is run by volunteers, and they have collaborated with local Universities on website design. Elizabeth will contact Ed McConnell when the website goes live, and she asked us to contact her if there was a community event where SAGE could hand out materials.

The EAC discussed the C-PACE program run by the county. The C-PACE program helps finance energy efficiency, clean energy and water conservation projects through county property taxes. The EAC recommends that the Township post on their website the one-page program flyer and a link to the detailed booklet.

The EAC will discuss the energy recommendations for the Township based on the Cadmus Study at our meeting in May.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Paul Lucot has been working with Steve Finali and other volunteers to clean up debris from the flood at Brandywine Picnic Park. Paul removed ammunition, air conditioners, TVs, and other hazardous materials from the area. Steve Fanelli has done a great job at organizing the cleanup, from getting donated dumpsters to getting permission from the owners to work on the property. So far 8-9 dumpsters have been filled. The EAC hopes that the community is prepared for the next big flood or weather event and that we can identify areas of risk.

INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS

Deer Management – no updates

Spotted Lanternfly- no nymphs have been spotted yet.

Emerald Ash Borer- Ash trees are still at risk from Emerald Ash Borer and if the tree is healthy, it should be treated with an injected pesticide.

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-

Brooke asked about recycling of electronics. Best Buy in Downingtown does take some electronics and the landfill in Honeybrook takes TVs, computers and other electronics. Rhona Klein suggested that the Township should consider sponsoring a "Anything with a Plug" recycling event.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC: No work session needed on May 2, 2022. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Maura made a motion to adjourn, and Ed seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Davis