

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

The East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council convened on Monday, July 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

Brooke Davis, Kathy Bergmann, Ed McConnell, Maura Sheehan, Rhona Klein (by phone)

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Lucas

MEMBERS/STAFF NOT PRESENT: John Snook, Paul Lucot, Paul Lewis

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Edith Bradley (intern)

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:01 pm, the EAC meeting was called to order by Brooke Davis

MINUTES

Kathy Bergmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2022, regular meeting. Brooke Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – no updates

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES

SD# 632- Darlington Ridge- The project is expected to be completed in Fall, 2022. Rhona Klein expressed her appreciation to Mark Lucas for his help dealing with issues at Darlington Ridge. On Tuesday, 7/27/2022, a transition HOA board will be selected, and Rhona expects the board to work closely with EBT.

SD# 641- West Chester Crossings- Construction and sales continue. The project is expected to be completed by Summer, 2023.

SD# 654- Schmidt- 815 Guthrie Rd.2 – This is subdivision; the owner wants to build one more residence. The plans are proceeding through the review process.

TRASH TALKING/ SINGLE USE PLASTICS – The Supervisors discussed the EAC's recommended ordinance. They are following the implementation of similar ordinances in Easttown, West Chester Borough, and West Goshen to gauge acceptance and determine if there are any problems. Ed McConnell noted that Wegman's is planning to eliminate plastic bags in their stores.

Mark Lucas received an email from the Southeastern PA (SE PA) Single Use Plastics Coalition. This group is trying to expand plastic bag bans. The EAC discussed how it would be helpful to join the Coalition's Zoom calls which occur about every 6 weeks.

Kathy Bergmann made the motion: The EBT should join the SE PA Plastics Coalition Zoom calls and appointed Maura Sheehan as our representative to attend these meetings. The motion was seconded by Ed McConnell and passed unanimously.

Maura will contact the Coalition soon.

ENERGY-

Ed McConnell updated the group about the West Chester Area Council of Governments (WCA COG) Clean Energy website. Most of website material for residents and big business is now ready. Small business materials are still in development. There was a meeting with the COG about funding.

2023 BUDGET REQUESTS

Mandie Cantlin asked for budget requests. The EAC discussed various energy recommendations including the:

- installation LED lighting upgrades as soon as budget and time allows it
- PECO energy audit of the township building (will determine if further insulation or air-sealing is recommended)
- placement of an EV charger at the township campus or a township park
- incorporation of geothermal or air-source heat pump for heating and cooling when the existing natural gas system is ready for replacement
- installation of solar panels on township buildings
- purchase of electric or hybrid vehicles when existing vehicles are ready for replacement
- timing of energy conservation equipment purchases to yield the best return on investment.

Ed McConnell provided a link to information about PECO energy audits:

<https://solutions.peco-energy.com/business-home>

CLIMATE CHANGE

Maura Sheehan provided a couple of federal websites available for community climate resilience. The sites are:

<https://toolkit.climate.gov/> & <https://toolkit.climate.gov/tools>

The group discussed community resilience and that we must plan not just react to climate related disasters and consequences. Allocating money for what may happen is always a challenge when a community is concerned about more immediate priorities.

TRASH CONTRACT – Tenley Adams will be handling it.

INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS

Deer Management: Mark Lucas noted that the deer management archery club is ready to go. Orientation is in August. Rhona Klein researched information about deer sterilization and found that it cannot be done in PA.

Spotted Lanternfly- Maura Sheehan explained that Penn State with support from state and federal agencies is continuing to study the use of the pesticide dinotefuran (a neonicotinoid) and bifenthrin (a pyrethroid) in the Blue Marsh Lake Recreation Area. Bifenthrin looks promising.

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-

The group discussed the problems of erosion in the area around Valley Creek, Grubbs Mill and Sunset Hollow roads and whether having some sections one way would reduce repair and maintenances costs for this infrastructure.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC: No work session or regular session will be conducted in August. The next meeting will be September 26,2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Kathy Bergmann made a motion to adjourn, and Maura Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Davis