

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
August 28, 2023**

The East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council convened on Monday, August 28, 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  
Rhona Klein  
Paul Lucot  
Paul Lewis  
Ed McConnell  
Maura Sheehan

**STAFF/ BOARD PRESENT:** Mark Lucas

**MEMBERS/STAFF NOT PRESENT:** Bruce Laverty

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

**MINUTES**

Maura Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2023, regular meeting. Rhona Klein seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES**

SD# 632- Darlington Ridge- several stormwater basins are not draining.

SD# 641- West Chester Crossings- no problems

SD# 656- Rudloff Subdivision- 940 Hillsdale Rd.- subdivision of lot with an existing house. Old house will be renovated and new lot created. PECO right of way needs to be defined.

**TRASH TALKING/SINGLE USE PLASTICS-**

In May the Board decided to delay the ordinance because of staff shortages. Maura asked several Townships with plastic bag bans and Penn Environment about the process for enforcement and the amount of time required. Basically, Township officials are not directly involved in the enforcement. Residents are reporting on some businesses and complaints are compiled. When multiple complaints are noted EAC members/staff warn the business that fines may follow. Easttown Township, which is similar in size to East Bradford have had only a few calls about noncompliance.

As recommended by the SE Single Use Plastic Coalition's "Single Use Plastic Bag Guidebook", Maura will revise our draft ordinance to include more specifications defining a reusable bag. Not specifying the acceptable bags has led to thicker but not reusable bags being used.

EAC members should check the list of businesses provided at our meeting and see if the notation "yes" (1) or "no" (0) is correct for the businesses they have visited. Please get back to Maura by September 8 so she can edit and share the list with Mandie. Maura questioned whether dry cleaner bags were included in any bans and how we should handle this type of business.

A good "frequently asked question" (FAQ) list can be found on Easttown Township's website: <https://www.easttown.org/449/Single-Use-Plastic-Carry-Out-Bag-Ordinan> A similar FAQ should be posted on our website as part of our education program.

### **ENERGY**

Ed McConnell wrote summary with website links about the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) rebate calculator and the PECO rebates. Mandie will post this on our website and include it in the next newsletter.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Maura Sheehan provided Mandie and Andrea with two excellent documents that can help townships make sure their codes and ordinances enhance climate resilience. Maura has asked the EAC members to review these documents before our next meeting, so we can decide how we can use these documents to help evaluate or improve our ordinances.

### **COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Nothing new or major changes to report

### **INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS**

Spotted Lanternfly- adults have emerged, but fewer than in past years.

Deer Management- the archery is ready to go and will start setting up stands this weekend. The club is looking to kill 50-75 deer. Logbooks will be reviewed and if a hunter has not been hunting that hunter will be replaced by someone on the waiting list.

### **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 NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC:** There will be no work session and the next regular meeting will be October 23, 2023. The September EAC meeting is cancelled for Yom Kippur.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Paul Lewis made a motion to adjourn, and Rhona Klein seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Davis