

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 26, 2022, Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council convened on Monday, September 26, 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
Paul Lewis
Paul Lucot

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Lucas

MEMBERS/STAFF NOT PRESENT: John Snook, Rhona Klein

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:04 pm, the EAC meeting was called to order by Brooke Davis

MINUTES

Maura Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2022, regular meeting. Paul Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – the Township is working with the County to update their zoning ordinances. Work on the comprehensive plan not likely until 2023.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES

SD# 632- Darlington Ridge- Rhona Klein is now president of the HOA. The HOA has indicated that it would like to modify the Open Space Plan. Any modifications in the plan would need to be approved and documented.

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

SD# 655- Starr Farm- the Township is subdividing the property and creating a lot for the farmette. The farmette has conservation easements and will be sold by bid. Since there is no proposed construction the EAC has no recommendations or concerns.

TRASH TALKING/ SINGLE USE PLASTICS –

According to Penn Environment, there are five towns and boroughs that have passed local plastic bag bans this summer. The municipalities that acted are Easttown, Solebury Township, Media Borough, Radnor Township, and Ambler Borough. There are now 11 local single use plastic ordinances on the books in PA. With this many local ordinances in effect the Township has many examples to draw from on implementation, fee structures and overall success of the ban.

Maura Sheehan plans on attending the zoom meeting for the Southeastern PA (SE PA) Single Use Plastics Coalition. When reviewing the materials from the Plastics Coalition, Maura noted their recommendation to contact businesses prior to implementing a plastic bag ban.

ENERGY-

All 4 community engagement modules are complete and on the website: <https://www.wcaceanenergy.org>
Jim Wylie has compiled information on the website about the inflation adjustment act and the infrastructure bill and new funding and rebates that are part of these bills.
Ed McConnell recommended that the Township participate in the PECO energy complimentary audit for the Township Buildings. Request a complimentary energy audit at <https://solutions.peco-energy.com/office>. Once the energy audit is complete the Township should consider interior and exterior LED lighting, controls/schedules for lighting and HVAC, and

advanced power strips for IT equipment. With a 30% credit for on site solar with the inflation adjustment act the Township should also consider installing solar panels, but this should wait until after the building renovations.

The EAC discussed developing a newsletter article outlining all energy savings programs and rebates available to residents.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Maura Sheehan will assign EAC members sections from the government's climate resilience toolkit to review and report on at the next meeting.

TRASH CONTRACT – The contract was approved for the next 3 years with Blosenski. Blosenski was sold to Blythe Recycling, but the services and contract will not change.

INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS

Deer Management: The season opened on Saturday and 10 deer have been killed so far. The deer population seems to be increasing rapidly with multiple ruts per season.

Spotted Lanternfly- Maura Sheehan recommended that Paul Lucot take over SLF. Paul has been taping trees and monitoring SLF in Shaw's Bridge Park and noted that the Tree of Heaven is covered with adults. He would like to have the female trees removed and the male tree left as a capture tree that could be treated with a systemic insecticide.

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: No work session will be conducted in October. The next regular meeting will be October 24, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Paul Lewis made a motion to adjourn, and Maura Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Davis