

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
October 23, 2023**

**DRAFT**

The East Bradford Township Advisory Council convened on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7 PM 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  
Paul Lucot  
Paul Lewis  
Ed McConnell  
Maura Sheehan

**Staff/Board Present:** Mark Lucas

**Members/Staff Not Present:** Kathy Bergmann, Rhona Klein, Bruce Laverty

**Call To Order:** At 7 PM the EAC meeting was called to order by Brooke Davis.

**Minutes**

Maura Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2023 regular meeting. Paul Lucot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Development Reviews and Updates**

SD#632- Darlington Ridge- The developer is almost done with a goal to be completed by the end of the year. The residents have numerous complaints that they are working to resolve.

SD#641- West Chester Crossing- Proceeding a bit slower with completion expected by Summer 2024.

SD#656- Rudloff Subdivision- 940 Hillsdale Rd.- subdivision of lot with existing house. Approved by the BOS with relief on some landscaping.

**Trash Talking/Single Use Plastics**

At the last meeting the group decided that our proposed plastic bag ordinance should have a clearer definition of compliant bags. Maura reviewed the definitions provided in the regulations of West Goshen Township

<https://www.westgoshen.org/350/Plastic-Bag-and-Plastic-Straw-Regulation> , Easttown Township and Treddyffrin

Township. The latter townships had identical wording. The link for Easttown Township is <https://www.easttown.org/449/Single-Use-Plastic-Carry-Out-Bag-Ordinan> .The group preferred the West Goshen

version and Maura will circulate a revised version of our proposed ordinance including the West Goshen wording and

include that any reusable bag should have sturdy stitched handles. We will discuss the final version at our next meeting.

West Goshen has a link on their website for reporting violations

<https://www.westgoshen.org/FormCenter/Contact-Us-6/Report-Business-for-NonCompliance-for-PI-61> .

Maura spoke with Lisa Covatta of West Goshen Township. Lisa

handles the enforcement of their plastic bag ordinance. Lisa noted that most businesses complied with the ordinance or

did so after one letter. Very few needed multiple notifications. Lisa shared sample letters that EBT could use as models.

### **Solid Waste and Composting**

Paul Lucot reported on efforts by other Townships and Boros at the Chester County Solid Waste Authority's Community Composting and Food Waste Composting Initiatives Roundtable on September 14. He suggests it is worth our time to investigate the USDA's Cooperative Agreements for Compost and Food Waste Reduction.

#### Description:

Support for projects that: generate compost; increase access to compost for agricultural producers; reduce reliance on and limit the use of fertilizer; improve soil quality; encourage Waste management and permaculture business development; increase rain water adsorption; reduce municipal food waste; and divert food Waste from landfills.

- Grant awards between \$55,000 and \$400,000
- Application period closed June 2023. Another round is anticipated in spring 2024.

He believes that Haverford Township's implementation of Composting might be the best model for us to review. It would also be a good program to team with West Chester Boro which might make it more financially feasible for the commercial compost companies that run routes in our region.

We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

### **Energy**

Ed McConnell reported that things are moving slowly at this time on this front, but efforts are continuing.

### **Climate Change**

Maura will resend links for information on climate resilience so we can discuss it at our next meeting along with a document with categories of questions to help frame our discussion.

### **Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Review**

Nothing new or major changes to report.

### **Invasive Species & Vectors**

Spotted Lantern Fly- It was agreed that this will not longer be the highlight but we will monitor invasive species in general.

Deer Management- It was reported that 15 deer have been killed so far, which is below last year's total at this time of 22. The cause for the reduction is unknown but it could be weather, the deers' savvy, and not as much hunting occurring.

### **Review of ABC Minutes**

- Board of Supervisors- 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.**

**Next Meeting of the EAC:** There will be no work session and the next regular meeting will be November 27, 2023.

**Adjournment:** Maura Sheehan made a motion to adjourn and Paul Lucot seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Brooke Davis

