

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
October 24, 2022, Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council convened on Monday, October 24, 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
Rhona Klein
Maura Sheehan
Paul Lucot

MEMBERS/STAFF NOT PRESENT: John Snook, Paul Lewis, Mark Lucas

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 September 26, 2022, regular meeting. Kathy Bergmann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES

SD# 632- Darlington Ridge- Rhona Klein is now president of the HOA and the HOA is working to improve the landscaping. Toll did not follow the landscape plan and mowed everything including the steep slopes. The HOA plans on correcting that and creating meadows in some areas. They will be developing a new landscape plan and submitting it to the Township. Rhona recommended an educational program for residents on replacing mowed lawns with meadows.

SD# 641- West Chester Crossings- Construction and sales continue.

SD# 655- Starr Farm- the Township has a qualifying bid on the farmstead and is proceeding with the sale.

TRASH TALKING/ SINGLE USE PLASTICS –

Maura Sheehan attended a zoom meeting for the Montgomery County Single Use Plastics Coalition. Their guest speaker was from Penn Environment and the speaker had some very good recommendations and pointers. Success should be measured as a reduction of plastics. He recommended a bag fee of \$.15 with a minimum fee of \$.10. All businesses must charge the fee and no exceptions for restaurants which was an exception in West Chester Borough's ordinance. Also, the reusable bags should have a standard of 125 uses. He found that surveys were not valuable since opponents of the ban were more likely to respond. He also recommended that the Township give guidance to restaurants and store owners.

Maura found from her research that polypropylene # 5 is not widely recyclable but is being pushed by the plastics industry. EPA data shows that only 2.7 % of this plastic is recycled because of additives. Bloomberg is starting an \$85M campaign ("Beyond Petrochemicals") to provide monies for grassroots action to limit plastics manufacturing especially in low-income areas.

ENERGY-

Ed McConnell reviewed a website that details the green energy incentives for residents starting next year with the Inflation Reduction Act. Ed will use this website to write a newsletter article and the EAC recommends that the Township post the link on their website under the EAC energy section.

The introductory sentence should read: *The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) was signed into law by President Joe Biden on Aug. 16, 2022. The law includes rebates and tax credits available to homeowners to help save money each month on utility bills, install electric heat pumps and other energy efficient appliances, purchase electric vehicles, install*

rooftop solar, and more. Check out this website to see what is available. https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/?utm_source=cleanenergy.gov

CLIMATE CHANGE

Maura Sheehan assigned EAC members sections from the government's climate resilience toolkit to review. Maura compiled the data and the EAC discussed how to distill the information down into a useful toolkit. We decided to label each website with the group/groups that would find the information most relevant. The categories are staff, committees, homeowners/residents/businesses, infrastructure/utilities, and others. Using the links that we already identified as useful we are to go back and label them with the group/groups that would benefit from using it. Everyone should include a brief description of the website, the website link and the label for the group/groups that would use the information. Please complete your list by November 21st and send it to Maura.

INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS

Deer Management: Mark Lucas reported the harvest count is 22 which is 57% higher than last season at this point. The focus on huntable property appears to be working, but he is cautious since the deer readily adapt.

Spotted Lanternfly- Paul Lucot reported seeing fewer adults after the frost. He also reported that there is a native fungus which may help kill the SLF.

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 November. The next regular meeting will be November 28, 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Davis