

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<b>Maura Sheehan</b>	<b>Paul Lewis</b>
<b>Brooke Davis</b>	<b>Bob Freed</b>
<b>Kathy Bergmann</b>	<b>Ed McConnell</b>

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Mark Pontzer

**STAFF MEMBER PRESENT:** Mark Lucas

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP (EBT) RESIDENT PRESENT:** Nora Ziegler

**NON-RESIDENT PRESENT:** Jim Wylie

**CALL TO ORDER:** At 7:00 p.m., the EAC meeting was called to order.

**MINUTES:**

Kathy Bergmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7/23/2018 regular meeting. Brooke Davis seconded the motion. All approved.

**ENERGY**

Ed McConnell presented the "Ready for 100" Draft Resolution he wrote. He explained how other townships in the area are supporting similar resolutions and that he used their resolutions as models. Kathy Bergmann noted that the stated time frame may be optimistic but the group decided to keep the deadline of April, 2019 for an energy transition plan in the resolution. Jim Wylie explained that a group in West Chester Borough has drafted a request for proposal (RFP) for an energy transition plan and expects to send it out in September, obtain proposals in early 2019 and complete their energy transition plan by April, 2019. Jim explained that the West Chester Area Council of Governments is a regional group and is working to submit a request for query (RFQ) to assess who is competent and available to do energy planning, management and advising. Jim and Ed noted that another RFP has been developed by some local municipalities to work together to competitively buy energy.

Ed McConnell made the motion that the EAC recommends that the EBT Board of Supervisors (BOS) approve the attached Draft Resolution in a prompt manner so as to take advantage of collaborative opportunities with other townships that are working to accomplish these goals. The motion was seconded by Brooke Davis and passed unanimously.

Maura Sheehan explained that the Energy Conservation Article that Ed McConnell wrote and the committee reviewed was submitted by Ed to Nancy Holland for the next EBT newsletter. The group thanked Ed for his fine efforts.

Maura Sheehan and Nora Ziegler urged members to attend the upcoming "Catching the Sun" movie which will be shown at the East Bradford Township Building at 6:30 p.m., Thursday August 30, 2018. Nora provided a flyer to post in the Township building.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRIORITIES**

The group discussed the items Mandie Cantlin presented at the July EAC meeting and how to prioritize our review of EBT ordinances. Topics the committee discussed included steep slopes, storm water and vegetation. Mark Lucas indicated that he was planning to re-write the erosion control part of the code (section 90) with the goal of simplifying the content. After his initial work, he will submit his draft to staff and the ABCs for their review and input. The erosion control section addresses some of the issues the group was concerned about and the group agreed that this would be a useful approach. The group discussed how we need to provide latitude for homeowners if they are doing what is environmentally sound. Brooke Davis noted that with the recent heavy rains and the potential for similar conditions in the future due to climate change, we need to prioritize storm water management. Kathy Bergmann explained that the conditions we have now are due to the storm water management methods (or lack of them) that were allowed in the past. Kathy urged attention to blocked storm drains by Public Works and Mark explained that the EBT Public Works department maintains these drains regularly and makes a special effort to address this issue before major storms. Maura Sheehan indicated that we might try to develop some strategies that homeowners could do to minimize runoff and publicize these strategies. The group discussed that we need to insure that ordinances do not impede effective actions by

homeowners to decrease runoff. Kathy suggested an “adopt a storm drain” program. The group agreed to individually research good sources of information for homeowners’ reducing runoff.

## **DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES**

Mark Lucas updated the group on the following items:

### **SD #632 Darlington Ridge-Toll Bros. –Tigue Road**

The applicant has resubmitted plans to answer questions posed by Mark Lucas and other plan reviewers. The resubmitted plan has additional changes due to PA DOT’s requirement for a relocated entrance.

### **SD #641 Daily Local News Location – Toll Bros.**

The initial idea of a large complex was not approved. A new plan the applicant submitted included ~60 townhouses. Paul Lewis noted that this would still be a very densely developed complex and stress the infrastructure of the area.

### **SD #643 – Cornwell – 188 Lucky Hill Road**

This plan was approved.

### **SD # 645 – Armstrong 450 Lucky Hill Road**

The applicant is responding to reviewers’ comments.

### **CU-18-01 The Farm@415 Birmingham Road B& B**

A hearing is on-going.

## **INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS**

### **Emerald Ash Borer**

Kathy Bergmann explained she is ready to submit a list of identified trees that need to be treated by trunk injection to arborists to obtain a cost estimate. She hopes to receive ~four estimates by the middle of September. EBT Public Works may need to do some maintenance (e.g. vine cutting) to enhance the survival of the treated trees. She is working with EBT staff member Rich Phifer and Kathy believes the cost should be addressed by EBT and not part of the EAC budget.

### **Spotted Lanternfly (SLF)**

Brooke Davis explained how the SLF was discussed on a recent Philadelphia radio program and that some Montgomery County residents have had a problem with swarming. Bob Freed noted similar problems in Berks County. The group discussed various invasive organisms and the challenges of managing them.

### **WNV – Maura Sheehan**

The group discussed concerns about standing water as breeding areas. Summer rains have provided more breeding locations.

## **REVIEW OF ABC MINUTES**

Members shared relevant items from their assigned committees.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Ed McConnell and Jim Wylie will try to find cost information for developing an energy transition plan. The group tentatively recommended a budget of \$5000 for energy transition planning related expenses but wish to be able to adjust this value once more concrete cost information is available.

## **NEXT SCHEDULE EAC MEETINGS:**

The work session, Monday September 3rd is not needed. The next regular meeting is Monday, September 24, 2018 at 7p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Kathy Bergmann made a motion to adjourn and Brooke Davis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maura Sheehan  
EAC Chairperson