

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Maura Sheehan
Brooke Davis
Paul Lewis
Bob Freed
Kathy Bergmann**

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Mark Pontzer, Ed McConnell,

EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP (EBT) RESIDENTS PRESENT: Dara Gans & John Marshall

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:03 p.m., the EAC meeting was called to order.

MINUTES:

Kathy Bergmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/24/2018 regular meeting. Brooke Davis seconded the motion.

ENERGY

- **Resolution to PA Environmental Quality Board – Maura Sheehan described a request from Robert McKinstry to enlist EBT and other organizations and municipalities to join the Clean Air Council as petitioners to the Commonwealth’s Environmental Quality Board (EQB). The petition seeks to convince the EQB to initiate a cap and trade policy as a way to reduce carbon emissions. Paul Lewis noted and Bob Freed agreed that a carbon tax would be preferable but they and Kathy Bergmann discussed that cap and trade may be the most realistic approach at this time.**

Motion: Kathy Bergmann made the motion that the EBT Board of Supervisors (BOS) sign onto the distributed resolution petitioning the PA EQB to initiate a cap and trade policy for carbon emissions. This resolution supports the Township’s initiatives to mitigate climate change. The motion was seconded by Brooke Davis and passed unanimously.

- **Energy Planning Proposals – The group supported Ed McConnell’s analysis of the proposals and appreciated his fine work.**

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES

Mark Lucas was on vacation. The group discussed the following items:

SD # 638- Abernethy – Maura Sheehan and Kathy Bergmann described the area of the proposed development. It is heavily wooded with steep slopes near the proposed area. Half of the trees will be removed for the buildings and this does not include what homeowners may do in the future. The applicant did not submit evidence of approval from Aqua for a public water line. The stormwater management (SWM) for the development is entirely on lot #1 implying that one homeowner will be responsible. The group expressed serious concerns about the extent of tree removal, protection of remaining trees and the difficulty of reforestation. The group thought the number of houses was excessive for the environment and were worried about potential flooding of adjacent areas downhill due to stormwater runoff. The odd configuration of lots was also noted.

SD #641 Daily Local News Location – Toll Bros. – This zoning regulation change is for 60 townhouses. Paul Lewis explained that it is not resident friendly and provides no sense of community. He and others commented on the lack of green space for tenants, traffic concerns, lack of sidewalks, challenges for walking and biking, and the impact on neighboring areas. Maura Sheehan noted the concerns and ideas presented by the Chester County Planning Commission.

CU-18-01 The Farm@415 Birmingham Road B& B – Dara Gans & John Marshall explained that they need to submit materials to EBT by 11/30/2018 and the BOS will decide on Jan 9, 2019. Kathy Bergmann commented that it has been a complicated process. Dara noted that their plan meets EBT requirements but they are asking for a variance to have guests in the tenant house and to use the barn for events.

INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS

Emerald Ash Borer – Kathy Bergmann had no update.

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) – Kathy Bergmann has seen SLF in the park near her home and Bob Freed has seen SLF on his own property.

West Nile Virus – Maura Sheehan had no update

REVIEW OF ABC MINUTES

Members shared relevant items from their assigned committees.

ROUNDTABLE

In December we need to select chair and vice chair for 2019. Mark Pontzer had agreed to serve as vice chair this year with the expectation that he would step up to the chair position for 2019.

Bob Freed and Brooke Davis noted that they have been asked to renew their membership and will re-up.

NEXT SCHEDULED EAC MEETINGS:

The work session, Monday, December 3rd is not needed. The next regular meeting is Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Please note the change – our December meeting is not on the usual fourth Monday of the month.

ADJOURNMENT: Kathy Bergmann made a motion to adjourn and Brooke Davis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura Sheehan