

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Lucas, Rich Phifer

**CALL TO ORDER:** At 7:02 p.m., the EAC meeting was called to order.

**MINUTES:**

Bob Freed made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11/26/18 regular meeting. Brooke Davis seconded the motion.

**ELECTION OF 2019 CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Brooke Davis nominated Bob Freed for chairperson, Paul Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The group thanked Bob for volunteering for this position.

Ed McConnell nominated Mark Pontzer for vice chairperson, Paul Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The group thanked Mark for volunteering for this position.

Maura Sheehan requested that someone serve to take minutes at future meetings. Kathy Bergmann volunteered to do so and the group thanked Kathy for volunteering to serve in this role.

**PLUM RUN GREENWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT**

Rich Phifer updated the group on this Township project that started in July, 2018 and is now in its final stages. He showed maps and sketches of the potential design. The project will include the development of trails, the highlighting of historical locations and some reforestation. There have been two public meetings and additional communication with residents. The Township is working with West Chester University (WCU) to potentially link the new trails with existing WCU trails. Rich hopes that the new trails will eventually link with the Brandywine Greenway.

The Township anticipates working with Brandywine Red Clay Alliance to enhance the riparian buffer. The Township plan will include heritage as well as natural resource interpretation markers at designated locations on the trails.

The group questioned Rich about the timeline, the adequacy of parking and permitted uses (e.g. pedestrian use and biking). Members were concerned about including any trails through wetlands. Kathy Bergmann noted her experience with successful tree planting and strongly recommended the planting of trees that are more mature than saplings.

After thanking Rich for his presentation, the group discussed ideas for natural resource interpretation markers. Ideas included descriptions of riparian buffers and wetlands and the important functions of these natural resources. The group indicated that scouts could be included in the signage project.

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES**

Mark Lucas updated the group on the following items:

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

This project is in its early stages and includes 60 townhouses and a zoning change from commercial to residential. Various groups and EAC members have expressed concern about the minimal open space, lack of sidewalks and poor linkage with the surroundings. EAC members were also concerned that the plan does not include any alternative energy use. A plan with fewer units could provide more green space and a better design could link with the surroundings.

Paul Lewis stated that the Township should demand more harmony and linkage with the community. Mark Lucas noted there will be more versions of the design for us to review. He explained that the applicant will also have to deal with the PA Department of Transportation which could require a safer exit opposite the shopping center.

**Sd # 638- Abernethy**

Sketch plans have been reviewed and feedback provided. The applicant is moving on with the project so the next phase will include preliminary plans.

Mark noted that the sewer system was sold. Issues related to the sale such as easements have delayed his work on ordinance improvements.

Mark announced that the Valley Creek Bridge will be open tomorrow. Mark explained that due to the relocation of the Rt.322 Bridge, the Township will be able to develop a new parking lot. He noted that the Brandywine Trail will eventually go under the new Rt. 322 bridge and link to Township property next to Ingrams Mill Water Treatment Plant.

**ENERGY**

Ed McConnell explained his analysis of the Energy Planning Proposals provided in response to an RFQ. Mandie Cantlin sent members an email announcing a related RFP that was sent out 12/17. The EAC would like to have an opportunity to review any submitted RFP.

Ed McConnell and the group discussed that Act 30 of 2018 is an incentive program. Businesses can obtain loans to do energy efficiency upgrades. There isn't anything for the EAC to comment on at this time.

Kathy Bergmann explained that the Board of Supervisors approved the Greenhouse Gas Resolution.

**INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS**

**Emerald Ash Borer** – Kathy Bergmann noted there were no new developments.

**Spotted Lanternfly** – Maura Sheehan explained there was nothing new other than more sightings.

**WNV** – Maura Sheehan noted there were no new developments.

**Deer Management** – Mark Lucas explained that the current tally of 18 deer is unusually low. He indicated that the greater use of green space may have altered deer behavior making them more nocturnal and more difficult to hunt. Bad weather also may have affected the tally.

**REVIEW OF ABC MINUTES:** Members shared relevant items from their assigned committees.

The group thanked Maura Sheehan for her service as chairperson for 2018 and she appreciated their kind comments.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC:** The work session Monday January 7, 2019 will not be needed. The next meeting of the EAC is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Kathy Bergmann made a motion to adjourn and Brooke Davis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura Sheehan  
EAC Chairperson