

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF February 25, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Maura Sheehan
Brooke Davis
Kathy Bergmann
Paul Lewis
Mark Pontzer
Ed McConnell**

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Bob Freed

STAFF MEMBER PRESENT: Mark Lucas

EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP (EBT) RESIDENT PRESENT: Dara Gans and John Marshall

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:04 p.m., the EAC meeting was called to order.

MINUTES:

Kathy Bergmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the 01/28/2019 regular meeting. Brooke Davis seconded the motion.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES

Mark Lucas updated the group on the following items:

SD #632- Darlington Ridge-The Township wants Toll Brothers to clean up the open space before it is turned over to the HOA. The Code states that open space should be accessible and usable.

SD #641- Daily Local News – Toll Bros. - Another draft ordinance was submitted and will be before the Planning Commission on February 26.

SD # 638- Abernethy- No updates

SD # 646- McFadden- One home on a 2 lot subdivision.

Conditional Use Request for Comerford Bed and Bed and Breakfast- Conditional use hearing set for March 12. The sewer/septic needs to be adequate to handle the additional guests and portable restroom facilities will be needed for larger events.

The Farm @ 415 Birmingham Rd- the Township received a new conditional use application for the Bed and Breakfast. This new application does not use the barn for special events.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Board of Supervisors discussed the amendments to RBA (Riparian Buffer Area) ordinance in their February meeting. Currently no paved trails are allowed in the RBA, but the Township would like to allow for trails in both RBA zones. Kathy Bergmann made a motion that trails be allowed in both RBA zones as long as the trail construction included riparian buffer enhancement or a streambank stabilization project to help mitigate any impacts to water quality. Maura Sheehan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ENERGY

Energy Planning RFPs- the WCA COG reviewed all Energy Plan RFPs and decided to accept the proposal from the Cadmus Group in the amount of \$75,000. The project cost for East Bradford (based on population) is \$7,475. Ed McConnell made a motion to the Board that they participate in the WCACOG Energy Plan and that they fund their portion of the plan. Paul Lewis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EV Charger Rebate Program- the EAC discussed the EV charger rebate program and possible locations for the stations. Ed McConnell made a motion for the Township to pursue taking advantage of the rebate and installing two EV chargers at the Township Building. The motion was seconded by Paul Lewis and the motion passed unanimously. The EAC also recommends encouraging other locations (such as WCU, Giant, Chester County Art Association, Hillsdale) to take advantage of the rebate. The deadline for the rebate is March 31st so there is not much time. The EAC recommends posting the information about the rebate program on our website.

REVIEW OF RECYCLING PRACTICES

Maura Sheehan after reading the latest newsletter article suggested that Mandie Cantlin contact Blosenski to clarify the types of plastic containers that can currently be recycled. A list of containers with pictures is needed. Many EAC members were uncertain about which containers can be recycled and whether this has changed with the recycling center which Blosenski now uses. Also the newsletter article specified that paper and cardboard be placed in separate paper bags or bundles and placed alongside the recycling bin. This also needs clarification since those items were comingled in the past.

SINGLE USE PLASTICS

EAC members discussed the possibility of an ordinance banning single use plastic bags/straws. The Narberth Ordinance which charges a fee of \$.10 for each bag seems to be a reasonable way to reduce plastic bag use. The EAC would like Mandie to contact Narberth Township and find out how their ordinance is being implemented and whether it is working.

INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS

Deer Management – Mark Lucas reported that 19 deer total were killed this year. The numbers are down from the usual 40-50 deer due to the rainy weather and loss of both hunters and properties.

Emerald Ash Borer – No updates

Spotted Lanternfly – No updates

WNV – Maura Sheehan- nothing to report

REVIEW OF ABC MINUTES

Members shared relevant items from their assigned committees.

ROUNDTABLE

Dara Gans and John Marshall asked the EAC if they had any questions on their new conditional use application for the Farm @ Birmingham.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC: The work session Monday March 4, 2019 will not be needed. The next meeting of the EAC is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2019.

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,

Mark Pontzer
EAC Vice Chairperson