

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Bob Freed

STAFF/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lucas and John Snook

EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS PRESENT: John Marshall and Andrew Edwards

OTHERS: Rachel Davis- West Chester Borough Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC)

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

MINUTES:

Brooke made a motion to approve the minutes from the 02/25/2019 regular meeting. Mark Pontzer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES

Mark Lucas updated the group on the following items:

SD #632- Darlington Ridge-The Township will mark the invasive species for removal and the developer will consider a vegetative swale for stormwater management for trail and parking lot.

SD #641- Daily Local News – Toll Bros.

Paul Lewis made a motion that the Township consider requiring the developer to use sustainable construction methods and energy efficient designs in order to build at the proposed density of 60 units. Without such practices being implemented a lesser density should be requisite. Maura Sheehan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SD # 638- Abernathy- No updates

SD # 647- Colley- Valley Creek Rd. - 2 lots with one additional dwelling. Being reviewed by Carol Engineering

The Farm @ 415 Birmingham Rd- The Township received a new conditional use application for the Bed and Breakfast. The EAC will review current application and make recommendations at our April meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mark is revising the erosion and sediment control ordinance and making changes to reflect our current methods and procedures.

ENERGY

Cadmus Energy Planning Proposal- The BOS agreed to fund our portion of the energy planning proposal (\$7,475). The EAC discussed whether other Townships not in the WCCOG would want to join.

EV Charger Rebate Program- The deadline for the program has been extended till the end of the year. Ed McConnell will follow up with Mandie Cantlin about the Township's rebate.

Brandywine Conservancy learned of the program from East Bradford and is considering installing EV chargers.

REVIEW OF RECYCLING PRACTICES

Maura Sheehan discussed and clarified with Mandie Cantlin what was currently recyclable. Plastic bottles (1-7) with a neck are the only plastic containers being accepted. The caps and rings need to be removed. Yogurt containers, clam shells and butter dishes are not recyclable. Milk/juice cartons with plastic rings and caps removed can also be recycled. This is a change from previous practices and needs new education for residents. Mandie is working with WCU communications department to have students develop educational materials for the public and for our website.

Rachel Davis from SAC shared with us their efforts at better education. They will be handing out recycling information at their Swingin Summer Thursday events. She also told us about recycling offered by Whole Foods for plastic silverware and lids.

Terracycle.com is another place that accepts specific recyclables. This site provides a shipping label and when you collect the required weight and send it in, the money earned is donated to a nonprofit of your choice.

SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Maura Sheehan reviewed Narberth Borough's ordinance banning single use plastic bag/straws. The Ordinance will go into effect on April 17th.

Rachel Davis from WC borough read parts of their ordinance banning single use plastic bags. The ordinance has full support from Borough Council and should be passed at their April 11th meeting.

Rachel will provide the EAC with a copy of their final ordinance for us to review before our next meeting. Using the Borough's ordinance as a basis for our own ordinance would be ideal. We could also use similar educational materials and learn from their problems.

INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS

Deer Management – Mark Lucas reported that with more trail use and changes in open space, less Township land will be available for hunting.

Emerald Ash Borer – No updates

Spotted Lanternfly – No updates

West Nile Virus – 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 1, 2019 will not be needed. The next meeting of the EAC is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: Kathy Bergmann made a motion to adjourn and Brooke Davis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Pontzer
EAC Vice Chairperson