

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF April 26, 2021**

In an effort to minimize public exposure to COVID-19 and maintain social distancing, this meeting was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing with Mark Lucas organizing the video conference.

MEMBERS on Teleconference:

**Maura Sheehan
Paul Lewis
Kathy Bergmann
Ed McConnell
Bob Freed
Brooke Davis
Paul Lucot**

STAFF/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lucas, John Snook and Rich Phifer

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:12 pm, the EAC meeting was called to order by Ed McConnell

MINUTES:

Paul Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2021 regular meeting. Bob Freed seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND UPDATES- Mark Lucas summarized the current status of development reviews and conditional use applications

Darlington Ridge- no updates

SD 641 West Chester Crossings-project started

922 Downingtown Pike- no updates

SD 650- Radford -ZHB denied the application

1355 Skelp Level Road- no updates

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - no updates

EAC 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Paul Lewis prepared an excellent 2020 Annual Report. Maura made a motion to approve the report with one small edit. Ed McConnell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PLUM RUN CORRIDOR TRAIL PROJECT

Rich Phifer gave a presentation to the EAC on the Plum Run Corridor Master Plan. This presentation was also given to the Chester County Planning Commission earlier in April. The Plum Run corridor is not only an important link to Bradford Ave., but it also contains legs of the Route 52 Scenic By-way and its trails and open space are a part of the Brandywine Greenway vision.

In 2015 the Township acquired the Scrapple Barn and in 2017- 2018 Darlington Ridge development was approved with the southern portions being deeded to the Township. Strode's Barn will be a heritage center and serve as a trailhead for the Plum Run Trail that will connect Gordon Natural Area and West Chester University to Strode's Barn. The trails will have signage describing riparian buffers, wetlands and native wildlife and the heritage center will have educational information on the Battle of the Brandywine and Strode's Mill.

TRASH TALK-

Brooke Davis shared a website from Delaware on where to recycle/dispose household items. The user types in an item such as tires and their zip code and it will give you the closest place to recycle it. To help improve our recycling, we would like to have Blosenski add our recycling flyer link to their bills.

ENERGY

With the complexities of a power purchase agreement, the energy group is now looking into purchasing renewable energy at group rates.

The community engagement materials are complete and are now on a website. <https://wcacog.org/clean-energy-future>. The website includes general background information on the energy plan and also details in the three main subsections (reduce, electrify and transition). There is a public meeting planned for May 20 or May 27 at West Goshen Township to present the residential module.

Ed McConnell reviewed for the EAC information on the Solsmart program. Solsmart provides technical assistance and information to municipalities, to make it faster, easier, and more affordable for residents and businesses to go solar. By completing certain requirements local governments earn points and are given a bronze, silver, or gold designation. Ed McConnell will follow up with East Goshen and ask them more specific questions on their designation and staff time to meet requirements.

INVASIVE SPECIES & VECTORS

Deer Management -The BVAC had their annual meeting in April, and they are making six rule changes to try and increase the harvest of deer to 50 or more.

Spotted Lanternfly- Nymphs should be appearing soon but continue to scrape egg masses when you see them.

REVIEW OF ABC MINUTES

Kathy Bergmann asked about changes to the burning ordinance. Our burning ordinance needs to be updated to bring it in line with state laws and recycling laws. The staff is working on a draft ordinance which will allow ceremonial fires and fires in fire pits, but no burning of waste.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC: No work session needed on May 3, 2021. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: Maura made a motion to adjourn, and Brooke seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed McConnell