

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2013**

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council was held on Monday, JANUARY 28, 2013 in the East Bradford Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, County of Chester, Pa., 19380.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kathy Bergmann  
Charles Myhre  
Maura Sheehan  
David Williams

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Jeff Cantwell  
Margaret Van Gilder  
Steve Werner

**STAFF/PROFESSIONAL PRESENT:**

Mark Lucas, Township Engineer

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:00 pm Maura Sheehan, Chair called the EAC meeting to order.

**MINUTES:**

After some discussion about whether Charlie Myhre or Kathy Bergmann would be the vice-chairperson, Kathy Bergmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2012 regular meeting. Maura Sheehan seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER:**

Dave Williams introduced himself and described his background and interests; members who were present did the same.

**CODE OF ETHICS:**

Members signed and handed in their ethics statements.

**DEVELOPMENT:**

- a. **STRODE:** The owner wants to keep the existing house on Birmingham Road and subdivide another section of the land. The plan appears appropriate at this stage and the EAC does not need to provide comments.
- b. **WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY:** The university has continued work and the Township has inspected the work to date. There are no issues for the EAC to discuss.
- c. **EAST BRADFORD ELEMENTARY:** They are submitting final paperwork so at this time the EAC has no comment.
- d. **VEAL:** This is a subdivision of ~12 acres with an existing home on West Strasburg road. They are dividing off an area for horses. EAC has no comment at this time.
- e. **OTHER PLANS:** Ciccarone may have an upcoming hearing.

**TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & OSRER:**

Maura Sheehan will send out the old plan to members for discussion of the EAC roles at the next meeting. Mark Lucas will see if we can access open space land management plans to discuss our input.

### **TOWNSHIP ABC'S CHAIR COORDINATION INITIATIVE**

Maura Sheehan will attend the meeting on 1/31/13 and report back to the EAC at our February meeting. EAC members discussed ideas to share with the other chairs especially the importance of planting trees on Township land to enhance riparian buffers and to help the township meet TMDL requirements. The EAC believes the Township needs to have someone coordinate the writing and implementation of tree grants. Reviewing land management plans could help define priority tree planting areas and the approximate number of trees needed in each area. All committees would review and approve a list of priority tree planting areas for the BOS to review and approve. This list of approved priority tree planting areas would be used for future tree planting grants. This would align the grants with Township land management plans, enhance the competitiveness of the grant and provide pre-approved sites, thus expediting grant submission. We also discussed Dave Williams' idea of planting nectar producing plants and enhancing meadow areas away from rivers. Flowering meadows would improve conditions for bees and other pollinators and reduce mowing costs for the township. Dave indicated we might be able to obtain donations of seeds.

### **GOALS/ACTIVITIES FROM 2012 AND FOR 2013:**

- a. HOA Storm Water Operations and Maintenance Educational Initiative
  - i. Mark Lucas reported that the letter sent out by the supervisor in the Fall has generated some questions from HOAs. Mark has responded to these questions.
  - ii. Charlie Myhre's article about this issue will be in the next Township newsletter.
- b. Forestry Ordinance  
Mark Lucas did not have any update. The ordinance must be reviewed by Brendan Beaumont and approved by the BOS.
- c. Tree Planting
  - i. Maura Sheehan received a Bare Root Tree grant request for proposal from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. The application is due 2/11/13. Maura will contact the Chester County Conservation District about whether to submit via the CCCD.
  - ii. Maura was copied on an email within the Township ABCs discussing tree planting sites. As noted above, tree planting plans need to be discussed in the ABC Chair Coordination meeting.
  - iii. Kathy Bergmann reported on a successful tree planting endeavor by the BVA in late fall, 2012. She had 50 volunteers.

### **ROUNDTABLE:**

- a. Dave Williams offered to write an article for the Township newsletter about bees and the environment.
- b. The group agreed that we would clarify whether Kathy Bergmann or Charlie Myhre will be vice chair at the next meeting. In the last rotation, Kathy followed Maura Sheehan as chairperson. Charlie had volunteered because Kathy was very busy last year but her situation has improved so she offered to do her turn.
- c. BVAC:  
Mark Lucas reported that the hunting season ended 1/29/13 and that the BVAC harvested 47 deer for the 2012-2013 season.
- d. Septic pumping:  
Mark Lucas reported that the county no longer keeps records about whose septic system has been pumped. This role must be done by the Township from reports sent in by homeowners. The County does keep a list of approved septic haulers.
- e. E-Waste  
Kathy Bergmann reported that as of 1/1/13, it is illegal in PA to dispose of electronic waste in regular trash. There are certified haulers that must be used for electronic waste.

The group decided that a work session on Monday 2/5/13 was not needed. The next regular meeting is Monday, 2/25/13

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Kathy Bergmann, seconded by Charlie Myhre. Adjournment at 7:55pm