

## **EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES OF April 22, 2013**

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council was held on Monday, April 22, 2013 in the East Bradford Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, County of Chester, Pa., 19380.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Maura Sheehan, Chair  
Charles Myhre  
Kathy Bergmann  
Jeff Cantwell  
Steve Werner  
Dave Williams

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Margaret Van Gilder

**STAFF/PROFESSIONAL PRESENT:**

Mark Lucas, Township Engineer

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:05 pm Dr. Maura Sheehan, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES**

Charlie Myhre made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2013 regular meeting. Kathy Bergmann seconded the motion, with all in favor. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**DEVELOPMENT**

- **STRODE SKETCH PLAN:** The lot line change has been approved.
- **WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY:** The build out continues without any issues.
- **EAST BRADFORD ELEMENTARY:** Ground breaking is expected to occur shortly, pending finalization of certain documents.
- **VEAL SKETCH PLAN:** No further progress
- **CHESTER COUNTY ART CENTER:** An expansion is planned but no documents have been submitted to the Township.

**LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The EAC conducted an initial review of the Ingram's Mill Nature Area *Natural Areas Stewardship Report* prepared by Natural Lands' Trust in January 2013. The purpose of the review was to determine if a template could be developed for pre-qualifying areas for tree planting in this and other areas of the Township. The following criteria were discussed to:

- ✓ Initially use NLT prioritization criteria
- ✓ Incorporate feasibility, the type of planting and maintenance assessing the:
  - Present and potential future use of the area with input from the township and as needed, other ABCs
  - Type and amount of site preparation (e.g. presence of invasive species)
  - Area accessibility
  - Parking for volunteer planters
  - Feasibility of tree planting and/or meadow creation
  - Ease and cost of maintenance, e.g., mowing meadows or around trees
- ✓ Give high priority to planting that will enhance water quality, e.g. riparian buffers
- ✓ Determine for a site the:
  - Size and configuration of potential planting areas
  - Type, availability, number and cost of trees/shrubs to plant in these areas.

It was agreed that the EAC will review other stewardship plans before the June meeting after developing a matrix to help determine how to best use these criteria in evaluating future potential tree planting areas. After the EAC determines its optimal list we will provide it to the other relevant ABCs such as Parks and Recreation for their input. After receiving input from other committees and revising the list as needed, we would forward the list to the BOS for their review.

#### GREEN COMMITTEE TREE PLANTING – MAY 11

Volunteers are needed and several EAC members indicated that they would be available for this event.

#### EMERALD ASH BORER ISSUE

Charlie Myhre and Dave Williams reviewed the Botany Report and determined that based on this report, there are no or few ash trees within the borders of the Township. As such, our committee needs no further action on this issue.

#### PROGRESS ON FORESTRY ORDINANCE:

Updating of this Ordinance is pending the update of the Township Comprehensive Plan.

#### ROUNDTABLE:

- May 6 Work Session – cancelled
- May 27 Regularly Scheduled Meeting falls on Memorial Day and is cancelled

**THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE EAC WILL BE MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013.**

#### ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Charlie Myhre and seconded by Dave Williams, the Environmental Advisory Council meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven I. Werner  
EAC member