

EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES OF June 24, 2013

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council was held on Monday, June 24, 2013 in the East Bradford Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, County of Chester, Pa., 19380.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maura Sheehan, Chair
Kathy Bergmann
Jeff Cantwell
Steve Werner

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Margaret Van Gilder
Charles Myhre
Dave Williams

STAFF/PROFESSIONAL PRESENT:

Mark Lucas, Township Engineer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES

Kathy Bergmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2013 regular meeting. Steve Werner seconded the motion, with all in favor. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT

Barr Subdivision: Lot line change, no construction

West Chester University: Close to completion

East Bradford Elementary: Construction progressing, some concerns about a berm

Veal: No further progress

Ciccarone: Expect plans to be provided in upcoming months.

Township campus: The group observed the three dimensional plan and urged the Township to minimize tree removal and to remove invasive plants in the area. Also the EAC requested that the Township assure compliance with sanitary sewer and storm water requirements.

RIPARIAN BUFFERS

Jeff Cantwell presented and explained a Powerpoint provided by a speaker who presented at a spring 2013 meeting of the Brandywine Conservancy. The provided information included recommended widths, types, and the benefits of buffers. Jeff also stated the relevant PA regulations.

CHAIR OF CHAIR MEETING FEEDBACK

Maura Sheehan attended the April meeting of the ABC chairs. She described some of the activities of the other committees. Mark Lucas explained the permitting issues related to the Brandywine Trail Pond that some of the other committees were interested in re-creating. The EAC indicated that the pond at Mt. Bradford might be a better choice.

REVIEW OF LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS

The group reviewed the key pages of the plans for Brandywine Farm, Ingram's Mills, Jane Reed, Mt. Bradford, Paradise and Starr Farm. The criteria the group developed in April such as NLT priority, amount of preparation, access etc. were used to determine feasible areas. For Brandywine Farm, there are sites on the south side of Bridge Road that look feasible for wet meadow and for more planting of trees. For Ingram's there appears to be minimal area for tree and bush planting near the parking lot with some meadows possible but these maybe too challenging to access. Jane Reed did not appear to be feasible for meadow or tree planting. Mt Bradford had some good areas for meadow development. Paradise had some possibilities for wet meadows and for planting at the trail head. Starr's upper field could become a meadow. Ingram's and Paradise have very limited parking. All areas have considerable issues with site preparation due to the need to remove invasive plants. Since only four EAC members were present, this discussion was viewed as a "first review" and will be continued at the July meeting and as needed, August meeting.

FORESTRY ORDINANCE

Brendan Beaumont agreed to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the ordinance.

BUDGET IDEAS/REQUESTS

This will be discussed more in July and August. Some ideas that were mentioned were to budget for tree planting and meadow planting.

ROUNDTABLE

Work Session July 1 – cancelled

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Steve Werner and seconded by Kathy Bergmann, the Environmental Advisory Council meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura J. Sheehan, EAC chair