

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

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Maura Sheehan  
Kathy Bergmann  
Charles Myhre  
Dave Williams  
Steve Werner  
Jeff Cantwell

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Margaret Van Gilder

**STAFF/PROFESSIONAL PRESENT:**

Mark Lucas, Township Engineer

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:00 p.m. Dr. Maura Sheehan, Chair, called the EAC meeting to order.

**MINUTES:**

Steve Werner made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2013 regular meeting. Kathy Bergmann seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**DEVELOPMENT:**

**CICCARONE:** Ciccarone is requesting waivers to Riparian Buffer Area (RBA) to allow for roadways and stormwater facilities with this zone. The recommended conditions of approval are similar to those requested by the EAC and would require that a RBA management plan be approved by the Township Landscaping Consultant. This plan would be carried out by the HOA and the HOA would be required to maintain the RBA into perpetuity. The RBA management plan would permit the Township to maintain the RBA should the HOA fail to do so and all costs could be charged to the HOA or individual landowners.

**CHESTER COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION:** The CCAA is reconfiguring the parking lots to meet Township codes. The sidewalk issue has not been resolved, but the EAC continues to recommend that any sidewalks be routed around mature trees.

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP CAMPUS:** The Township ordinances were updated to designate the Township campus as a light industrial zone.

**COMERFORD SUBDIVISION:** A 3-lot subdivision of 60+ acres with possible conservation easements. The subdivision plans must demonstrate that the three lots can be developed

**and the plans will be changed to shown driveways leading to land suitable for future house placement.**

**CHAIR OF CHAIRS MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 29, 2013. The EAC recommended that Maura Sheehan discuss the following items at the meeting:

- A volunteer needs to be found to organize and head future tree repairs at the Township planting sites.
- The Parks and Recreation Committee's plans for a bike path on the Mount Bradford Preserve.
- As each committee forms plans and decides on projects, there is a manpower issue for the Township Public Works. Currently the staffing is not adequate for the amount of work and they cannot handle addition work or responsibilities.
- The planting of an experimental meadow at Mount Bradford.

**LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS:** The EAC members met at Mount Bradford Preserve prior to our meeting to walk the property and see what was proposed in the land management plans. Charlie Myhre showed the work done and proposed by an Eagle Scout on clearing invasives around the pond and springhouse. From our site visit the EAC recommended that an experimental meadow be planted on a 4,000 sq. ft. section of the property. This plot could be used for cost and feasibility studies for other meadow plantings on Township properties. Vollmecke Farm and Chester County Beekeeper Association will be contacted for guidance on planting meadows. Dave Williams offered to supply seed for the project.

**FORESTRY ORDINANCE:** The EAC will defer any meetings or discussions with Brenden Beaumont regarding the status of the Forestry Ordinance until 2014. There is considerable work on ordinances currently underway to meet requirements of the County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Ordinance.

**BUDGET:** A budget of \$2,000 to be shared with Green Committee for tree planting repairs and maintenance has been approved for 2014. All other EAC costs such as consultant fees will be paid for out of the Township general fund.

**NATURAL LANDS TRUST ACTIVITIES:** Anyone participating in any NLT programs or similar activities should notify Maura so that a report or information on the program can be shared with the EAC and Township.

**CODE WORKSHOP:** Kathy Bergmann attended the Code Workshop and reported that the information presented was informative and gave a good historical perspective on our ordinances and codes. Mark Lucas will forward the PowerPoint slides from the workshop to the EAC members.

**ROUNDTABLE:** The BVA is looking for volunteers for a Tree Planting on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at their stream restoration along Route 52 in East Bradford. Details on the planting can be found on the Township website. Kathy Bergmann attended the Villanova Stormwater Municipal Workshop in mid-October. The workshop focused on financing for stormwater management and highlighted the local efforts of West Chester Borough and Radnor Township to form a Stormwater Utility.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC WILL BE MONDAY, November 25, 2013.**  
No work session is needed on Monday, Nov. 4, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Charlie Myhre and seconded by Steve Werner the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Bergmann, EAC Member