

EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2014

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council was held on Monday, JANUARY 27, 2014 in the East Bradford Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, County of Chester, Pa., 19380.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maura Sheehan
Kathy Bergmann
Charles Myhre
Steve Werner

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Margaret Van Gilder
Dave Williams
Jeff Cantwell

STAFF/PROFESSIONAL PRESENT:

Mark Lucas, Township Engineer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Snook

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:12 pm Kathy Bergmann, Chair, called the EAC meeting to order.

MINUTES:

Steve Werner made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 25, 2013 regular meeting. Maura Sheenan seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

It was decided to rotate the responsibility to take the minutes of the meeting through the committee members except the chair.

It was decided that specific committee members would read the minutes of the other ABC's to better keep informed of what is going on in the Township.

Kathy Bergmann: BOS, Planning Commission, and Zoning Hearing Board

Maura Sheenan: Parks & Recreation Board

Steve Werner: Green Committee

Charles Myhre: Trails Committee

EAC MEETING CALENDAR:

All regular and work session meeting dates set for 2014. May 19, 2014 and December 15, 2014 are revised meeting dates because of holidays.

EAC ANNUAL REPORT:

Kathy Bergmann made a motion to accept the annual report as prepared by last year's chair, Maura Sheenan, with noted additions. Steve Werner seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT:

CICCARONE: Still revising plans. The flood study issue not yet resolved. They want to phase the project with the two front lots going first. Expect submittal of plans in a month.

CHESTER COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION: The CCAA is close to their final plans. A trail running west along the upper south bank of Hillsdale Road on School property to Windon is being considered rather than a conventional sidewalk. It would save many trees and allow for safe walking from Windon to the CCAA and to downtown. The sidewalk along Bradford Avenue is being designed to also save trees.

COMERFORD: A more complete plan will be submitted to resolve what relief may be needed in the future.

EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP CAMPUS: The campus plan is underway. Construction is expected to start about 3/1/14 and be completed by 9/31/14. The cost of the project was reduced by about 20% to enable the plan to move forward.

EAC MISSION STATEMENT AND FOCUS IN 2014:

EAC mission statement: *"The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) advises the Board of Supervisors and others on matters dealing with protection, conservation, management, promotion, and use of the natural resources in East Bradford Township".*

The EAC will focus on the following:

Moving the Forestry Ordinance forward. John Snook to get it moving forward.
Determining how the EAC can help with revisions to Riparian Buffer Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan update. We will need guidance from the Board of Supervisors on where our help is needed most. We discussed the EAC Roles and Responsibilities as stated in the municipal code.

ACT 167 STORMWATER ORDINANCE:

Was adopted in December 2013 to be effective on January 1, 2014

LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS:

The EAC's annual report lists the EAC's plans for each property. Kathy Bergmann will represent the EAC at the Chair's Meeting, 2/17/14 and present our recommendations for implementing recommendations in the land management plans. It is the opinion of this committee that all land management plans, riparian buffer plantings and other property changes must contain a maintenance plan for ongoing sustainability.

ROUNDTABLE: The EAC discussed their current roles and responsibilities and how these responsibilities overlap and connect with other committees.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC WILL BE MONDAY, February 24, 2014 with a work session if required on March 3, 2014. There will be no work session on Feb. 3, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Steve Werner and seconded by Maura Sheenan the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Bergmann, EAC Chairperson