

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2014**

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council was held on Monday, March 24, 2014 in the East Bradford Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland Road, West Chester, County of Chester, PA., 19380

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kathy Bergmann  
Charlie Myhre  
Steve Werner  
Jeff Cantwell  
David Williams

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBER:**

Brooke Davis

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Maura Sheena  
Margaret Van Gilder

**CALL TO ORDER:**

AT 7:04 pm Chairwoman Kathy Bergmann called the EAC meeting to order.

**MINUTES:**

Steve Werner made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2014 regular meeting. Charlie Myhre seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EAC did not have a quorum and no official actions or minutes were taken for this meeting.

**EAC ANNUAL REPORT:**

Maura Sheehan completed the 2013 Annual Report and submitted it to the Board of Supervisors

**DEVELOPMENT:**

**CICCARONE:** The flood study issue not yet resolved. They also want to phase the project and sell the two front lots first.

**CHESTER COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION:** The CCAA building plans are in their final phase. Plans should be approved shortly. The EAC is concerned with creating safe pedestrian walkways that connect with adjoining developments and existing sidewalks. All walkways should be routed to preserve large trees.

**COMERFORD SUBDIVISION:** Mark Lucas, EBT Engineer must make sure they follow current ordinances and planning requirements, even though no development is planned at this time.

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP CAMPUS:** Construction of the new township facility has begun. Parking is limited during the day and the cardboard recycling has been moved to the Copeland Park parking lot.

**PENNINGTON AUTO REPAIR:** Kathy Bergmann submitted EAC comments to EBT. The plans call for no increase in impervious areas or increased stormwater runoff and the EAC has no issues with the submitted plans.

**WEBSITE REVISIONS:**

The EAC discussed the website revisions at our February meeting and recommended that the Township hire a website design consultant with local government experience. The members also thought that the website needed to be user friendly and easy to navigate to find information such as what permit and forms are needed for a project. More pictures and a color should be added. All recommendations were forwarded to Tenley in early March.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Members of the Park and Recreation Committee suggested that EBT create a Facebook page and a Twitter account for better communication with residents. The EAC discussed the pros and cons of using social media and thought that more information was needed from Townships that currently have a Facebook page and use Twitter. Specifically, how much time is spent weekly on maintaining Facebook/Twitter and does it reduce phone calls and allow for quicker communication with residents. There are concerns for increasing the workload of the EBT staff.

#### **LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS:**

The EAC reviewed the meadow plans for Mount Bradford Park. The township is renting a commercial mower that will clear brush and small trees up to 4 inches in diameter to clear the land. Because of the high cost of the mower rental, 12 acres will be cleared for the meadow. Once cleared herbicides will be used to control invasives for the next 1-2 years and then meadow grasses and flowers will be planted. Dave Williams suggested planting clover as a cover during the development phase.

#### **MOWING TO MEADOWS WORKSHOP:**

East Bradford Township, PA Environmental Council (PEC) and Natural Lands Trust (NLT) are partnering on a Meadows workshop at Paradise Farms on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 pm. NLT will discuss creating meadows and the specific plans for meadows in EBT. PEC will discuss the benefits of meadows, show examples of meadows and give cost savings with reduced mowing. PEC will offer consultations for interested landowners. Flyers will be mailed to our HOAs and other large lot landowners where meadows could be planted.

#### **STEWARDSHIP PLANS:**

NLT will be preparing stewardship plans for Copeland, Shaw's Bridge and Sugar's Bridge this year. There will be two work sessions to discuss the future use of these parks with ABC members. The input will help shape the stewardship plans. The meetings are scheduled for March 27 @ 1 pm and April 8 @ 5 pm at the EBT building.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:**

The Township will be starting a Comprehensive Plan update this year. The Township wants to do a Strategic Plan with specific projects that meet the mission of the Township. Mandie Cantlin has forwarded to Kathy Bergmann examples of good Strategic Plans for us to view. Mandie is applying for funding from the County and the first steps would be to develop a Township mission statement.

#### **GORDON NATURAL AREA**

The Rosedale Traffic Study was completed and presented on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at West Goshen Township. EBT was erroneously named as a partner in the study and they asked that their name be removed from the study. The final conclusion of the study recommends that Tigie Road and Stadium Drive be improved and upgraded to connect Route 52 with Route 202. This roadway which the EAC strongly opposes would severely impact Gordon Natural Area and would further impair Plum Run.

#### **FORESTRY ORDINANCE:**

EB Supervisor John Snook is drafting recommendations and changes to the ordinance. John will present those recommendations at the next EAC meeting.

**NEW EAC MEMBER:**

Steve Werner moved to recommend to the EBT Supervisors the appointment of Brooke Davis to the EAC. Charlie Myhre seconded the recommendation and the EAC passed the motion unanimously.

**ROUNDTABLE:**

**NLT GROWING GREENER AWARD:**

Kathy Bergmann announced that the NLT had awarded EBT with the award for work done on EB open space.

**GREEN COMMITTEE TREE PLANTING**

There will be a Green Committee Tree Planting meeting at Bradford Farms on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**REVIEW OF ABC MINUTES:**

Brooke Davis was assigned to monitor the EB Historical committee minutes. Jeff Cantwell discussed Planning Commission minutes. The EAC members suggested that Mark Lucas review the development plan process/approvals with us at our next meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP RESIGNATION:**

Margaret Van Gilder tendered her resignation from the EAC effective Feb 2nd. The EAC expressed their appreciation for her many years of hard work and dedication while serving on the EAC.

**ANDY DINNIMAN:**

Andy Dinniman sent a letter announcing a meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10a.m. to noon to discuss pipelines crossing Chester County. Safety issues, right of ways, ordinances and property ownership rights will be discussed. The meeting will be held at the West Pikeland Township building.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014.** There will be no work session on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Steve Werner and seconded by Jeff Cantwell this meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Bergmann  
EAC Chairperson