

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF June 23, 2014**

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held on Monday, June 23, 2014 in the East Bradford Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland Road, West Chester, County of Chester, PA 19380

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathy Bergmann
Brooke Davis
Charlie Myhre
Dave Williams

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Maura Sheehan
Steve Werner

CALL TO ORDER:

AT 7:00 pm Chairwoman Kathy Bergmann called the EAC meeting to order.

MINUTES:

Brooke Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2014 regular meeting. Kathy Bergmann seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT:

Mark Lucas did not attend the meeting so Kathy Bergmann commented on the following projects. Paper copies of all plans are available in the meeting room. Copies will no longer be placed in committee mailboxes.

CICCARONE: Preliminary Plan approved 4-8-14 and no new information

CHESTER COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION: Final approval deferred until July. Details of pedestrian trail and costs need to be determined.

COMERFORD SUBDIVISION: The plan is a consolidation of 5 parcels into 4 lots (2 with dwellings and 2 without.) A conservation easement is anticipated for the property. The applicant indicated that future construction will comply with future codes, but any such waivers or deferrals need to be clearly shown on the plans.

EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP CAMPUS: Construction of the new township facility is in progress and completion date is October 2014.

NASTASE: 2 lot subdivision off of Miner St. Recommend approval of the plan provided plans meet current codes and ordinances.

TARASCHI: Lot line adjustment. Recommend approval

ABC CHAIRS MEETING: The meeting was held May 22, 2014 and Kathy Bergmann represented the EAC. Each committee briefed the other chairs about current activities. There was a discussion over PENNDOT's use of anti-skid material this winter and the impacts to the environment. Brandywine Trail Phase V from Ingram's Mill to Stroud Preserve is being designed by McCormick Engineers. Mandie presented the ABCs with an outline of current and future projects in the Township. She asked that each committee review this outline and list top 5 priorities for 2015. Kathy Bergmann updated the ABCs concerning DRVPC solar ready questionnaire. Since we do

not have staff resources and we are in the process of updating our website, participating in the program at this time would not benefit the Township.

REVIEW OF TOWNSHIP CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS: Kathy will send the project list to the EAC members for their review. At our next meeting we will decide on our 5 top priorities for 2015.

WEBSITE REVISIONS:

The revisions are underway.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook page for Parks and Recreation approved by Supervisors. Township will be reviewing Social Media and communication policies at the July 2nd Work Session.

LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS:

Mount Bradford meadow work timeline not known. Dave Williams would like to know when meadow work starts and is willing to provide sweet clover for planting. Dave also provided EAC members with sweet clover seed and planting directions.

MOWING TO MEADOWS WORKSHOP:

The Mowing to Meadows Workshop on May 29th was well attended (36) and offered great information on planting and maintaining meadows. Thanks to Paradise Farm Camps for hosting the workshop and PA Environmental Council and Natural Lands Trust for the informative presentations. PEC has 7 requests for property consultations and they are in the process of scheduling those meetings.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:

Township received \$35,000 grant from Chester County Planning Commission to update the Comprehensive Plan. Mandie wrote an RFP for the work and proposals are due in July.

FORESTRY ORDINANCE:

No update

REPAIR OF FLOOD DAMAGE TO TREES:

EAC and Green Committee need to agree on how to address future repairs and maintenance of all planted trees. WCU completed a survey of the trees in Shaw's Bridge Park and that survey should be reviewed to determine best planting methods and the need for further maintenance.

RAIN GARDENS ALONG BRANDYWINE TRAIL: 2 rain gardens were installed along the trail section completed in fall of 2013. Mandie and John Carroll asked Kathy Bergmann and Marianne Bausinger to look at the rain gardens and recommend how to maintain these gardens. Most of the plants did not survive and the rain gardens are now overgrown with invasives. Kathy Bergmann contacted Kevin Staso from North Creek Nurseries to evaluate how to proceed/restore these rain gardens.

SUNOCO PIPELINE AND ORDINANCE PROTECTION: The map of the proposed pipeline shows that the pipeline crosses into East Bradford and crosses the Brandywine multiple times. With Sunoco asking to be a Public Utility there is some question as to whether local ordinances will be followed. The Supervisors will be discussing this at their July 2nd work session.

ABC MINUTES UPDATE: Steve Werner reported that the tree repairs were completed at Shaw's Bridge and Brandywine Farm and that 25 additional trees were planted. Brooke discussed the oral history project which is about 1/3 complete. No new information from the planning commission.

ROUNDTABLE:

The summer Township newsletter has been sent emailed. Brandywine River Museum has a new exhibit called the “Lure of the Brandywine” featuring artwork inspired by the beauty of the Brandywine.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC WILL BE MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014. There will be no work session on July 7, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Dave Williams and seconded by Brooke Davis this meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Bergmann
EAC Chairperson