

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF September 22, 2014**

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held on Monday, September 22, 2014 in the East Bradford Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland Road, West Chester, County of Chester, PA 19380

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brooke Davis
Charlie Myhre
Maura Sheehan
Kathy Bergmann
Jeff Cantwell
Dave Williams

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Steve Werner

STAFF MEMBER PRESENT

Mark Lucas

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:00 pm the EAC meeting was called to order.

MINUTES:

Maura Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2014 regular meeting. Charlie Myhre seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT:

Mark Lucas provided input on the following plans as noted below:

CICCARONE: There was preliminary approval with conditions.

CHESTER COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION: Project is done, waiting on elementary school trail easement.

COMERFORD SUBDIVISION: Still in the works, Board of Supervisors will have to decide how to move forward.

EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP CAMPUS: Close to complete, move in date is October 24.

NASTASE: Still waiting for responses on comments

WCU – Board Approval

TARASCHI: Still in the works and fixing problems with plans.

BRANDYWINE CREEK GREENWAY PLAN:

Kathy sent recommendations; most of the plan projects reside with the Parks and Rec and Trails committees. The EAC's major concern is with the ordinance review and suggestions for improvements. Since this will be covered under Comprehensive Plan update, any ordinance changes will be done per plan recommendations.

LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS – MT.BRADFORD MEADOW PLANS

Mark says there are still plenty of deer on the property. He is starting to see some vegetation come back and with the clearing there is a lot of trash exposed on the property. A clean-up to remove trash should be scheduled.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:

The BOS has narrowed it down to two vendors for the project. One is more organized than the other, but the other seems more creative and original. Waiting for BOS decision on vendor.

FORESTRY ORDINANCE: No update.

RAIN GARDENS ON BRANDYWINE TRAIL

Kathy and Mark both said there is no flow of water to the rain garden below Skelp Level Road parking lot. The rain garden was originally designed to capture the flow from a larger parking lot which was not built. The best thing to do is fill the rain garden and make it grass. Currently it is a hazard and a hole of weeds. EAC recommends making that area into a maintainable mowed section and converting/replanting the other rain garden to a pollination garden. \$ 3,000 is budgeted for the work.

PIPELINE AND ORDINANCE PROTECTION

Mark says that EBT has agreed to follow West Goshen's ordinance. EAC is waiting for something to happen. Sunoco has possible routes for pipeline but nothing concrete and nobody knows anything specific. To be continued.

REVIEW OF ABC MINUTES

List of Committee Review Assignments:

Board of Supervisors – Kathy

Planning Commission – Jeff

Trails – Maura

Green Committee – Steve

Historical Commission – Brooke

Parks and Rec – Charlie

Traffic Commission – Dave

Kathy reported that the Board of Supervisors passed an amendment to Chapter 72 – Neighborhood Blight and Protection Regulations Enforcement Power. BOS also discussed possible changes regarding riparian buffer ordinance in an effort to stop mowing to the edge of the streams. Any maintenance requirements need to be linked to a development plan and O& M agreement.

Jeff reported that the Planning Commission proposed Code Amendment regarding the Riparian Buffer Area, staff submitted a proposed amendment to the RBA section of the Code for the Commission's consideration and recommendation. Changes would bring EBT's regulations in line with Chesapeake Bay Riparian Handbook and NRC guidelines.

Charlie mentioned new regulations and rules for Parks and Rec. They are going to allow rollerblading on the East Bradford Trail. The dog park plans have been put on hold until 2015. Maura reported that the Trails Committee wants to put a trail on Brandywine Farm North and plan a trail for the Mt. Bradford Preserve and open the Paradise Farm trails to the public in the near future. There will also be a ribbon cutting for Phase 3 of the Brandywine Trail.

There were no updates from the Historical Commission or Traffic Commission.

ROUNDTABLE:

Kathy mentioned the EBT dinner on October 2nd.

Maura brought up the discussion that Steve presented at the August meeting about holding meetings once every other month and handling issues via email. The EAC agreed that it should let the chairperson decide if a meeting is necessary. EAC will keep the scheduled meetings on the calendar and it would meet if a vote was needed. Maura made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded, motion passed unanimously.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC: It is currently scheduled for October 27, 2014. There will be no work session on October 6, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Charlie Myhre and seconded by Maura Sheehan, this meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Myhre, EAC Vice Chairperson