

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

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held on Monday, November 24, 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  
Steve Werner  
Dave Williams

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Jeff Cantwell

**STAFF MEMBERS/SUPERVISORS PRESENT:**

John Snook

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Charlie Myhre made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2014 regular meeting. Maura Sheehan seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**DEVELOPMENT:**

John Snook provided input as to the status of each plan.

**CICCARONE:** There was preliminary approval with conditions. Waiting for response.

**CHESTER COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION:** Project is approved

**COMERFORD SUBDIVISION:** The approval language will state that road improvements can be delayed until time of development and all new ordinances and requirements must be followed.

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP CAMPUS:** Project complete.

**NASTASE:** Needs waiver to use existing driveway for access to second lot. This plan is preferred by the EAC since it is the most environmentally friendly and preserves more natural resources.

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

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2015:** Charlie Myhre was nominated as Chair for 2015. Steve Werner motioned for approval of Charlie as Chair and Dave Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The appointment of Charlie Myhre passed unanimously. Appointment of Vice-Chair will take place at our next meeting.

**BRANDYWINE CREEK GREENWAY PLAN:** This plan should be included in the Comprehensive Plan update and any ordinance deficiencies should be addressed in the plan update.

**BRANDYWINE SCENIC BY-WAY PLAN:** This plan should also be included in the Comprehensive plan update.

**LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS –Mt Bradford mowing** has been completed and a trash clean-up was done recently by a Scout Troop. Land management plans for Sugar's Bridge, Shaw's Bridge and Copeland Park have been completed. Mandie Cantlin reviewed the plans and budgeted in 2015 to fix any safety issues in these parks.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:**

Thomas Comitta Associates have been engaged to do the Township's Comprehensive Plan. The make-up of the Comprehensive Plan committee has not been determined, but attendance at any meeting by ABC members would be welcomed. The EAC recommends that a complete ordinance review be done during the planning process and specific actions to improve ordinances be listed in the Plan.

**FORESTRY ORDINANCE:** John Snook reviewed the Forestry ordinance draft and noted that the ordinance did an excellent job of outlining the requirements of a management plan, but the ordinance did not specify how to handle the treatment of sensitive areas like steep slopes. Since a complete ordinance review should be a part of the Comprehensive Plan, we will table further work on this ordinance until the Comprehensive Plan review of ordinances is complete. It was suggested that ordinance issues be listed as a standard agenda item for future EAC meetings.

**TREE REPAIRS IN SHAW'S BRIDGE PARK:** In October, Green Committee members, Mark Lucas, Mandie Cantlin, and Kathy Bergmann staked and replaced tree tubes or guards on the trees. More work still needs to be done.

**RAIN GARDENS ON BRANDYWINE TRAIL**

The rain garden off of Skelp Level Road will be filled and maintained as grass. The other rain garden will be replanted in the spring with advice from North Creek Nurseries.

**PIPELINE AND ORDINANCE PROTECTION**

The Township Supervisors have drafted an ordinance to limit the location of above-ground pipeline facilities to Township land or the industrial zone and that new pipelines follow existing pipeline right of ways or other utility corridors that are already cleared or disturbed.

**GREEN COMMITTEE:** Recently the Green Committee has suggested that they merge back with the EAC. After some discussion, the EAC members felt that the Green Committee should stay as a separate committee and when joint projects such as tree plantings are proposed, that these projects be listed on our agenda and the Green Committee be invited to attend. The EAC anticipates more work in 2015 with ordinance reviews and increased development plans.

**REVIEW OF ABC Minutes**

Charlie Myhre reported that several residents would like to keep Shaw's Bridge Park as an off-leash park when the new Dog Park opens. An Eagle Scout will be building several features in the Dog Park. Charlie developed an Eagle Scout project list for the Township and scouts to use. The Trails Committee is recruiting people to do nature walks and want to coordinate these walks with the opening of the connector trail between Ingram's Mill and Stroud Preserve.

Brandywine Conservancy will do a no-cost technical review of our existing ordinances, any draft ordinances and model riparian buffer ordinances. The Township's budget for 2015 is available on the website and there is no tax increase proposed.

**ROUNDTABLE: Dave Williams will provide yellow clover for planting in the spring. He also has an excellent DVD available on "The Vanishing of the Bees"**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC: There will be no work session on December 1<sup>st</sup> and no regular EAC meeting in December. The next EAC meeting will be Monday, January 26, 2015.**

**ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Steve Werner and seconded by Maura Sheehan, this meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Kathy Bergmann  
EAC Chairperson**