

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF February 23, 2015**

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held on Monday, February 23, 2015 in the East Bradford Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland Road, West Chester, County of Chester, PA 19380

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brooke Davis
Charlie Myhre
Kathy Bergmann
Steve Werner

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Jeff Cantwell
Maura Sheehan
Dave Williams

STAFF MEMBERS/SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Mark Lucas

RESIDENTS PRESENT: Walt Talunas

CALL TO ORDER:

AT 7:05 pm the EAC meeting was called to order.

MINUTES:

Steve Werner made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2014 regular meeting. Kathy Bergmann seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT:

Mark Lucas provided input as to the status of each plan

CICCARONE: No activity

COMERFORD SUBDIVISION: Working on the paperwork for conditions of approval

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.

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ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2015: Dave Williams was nominated as Vice-Chair for 2015. Steve Werner motioned for approval of Dave Williams and Charlie Myhre seconded the motion. The appointment of Dave Williams passed unanimously.

DELACY/WCUSC PENN TREE SITUATION: Charlie Myhre drafted a letter with collective comments from the EAC members regarding this situation. The letter was sent to Mike Lynch before the Supervisors discussed this problem at their next BOS meeting. The EAC recommends that the Township develop a natural resource inventory so that Penn Trees and other important resources are identified within the Township. Now that the tree has been removed, the WCUSC should

consider improving the entrance and exit onto Creek Rd. The EAC also believes that no punitive actions or fines should be imposed in this case and that our ordinances need to be better advertised to the public.

BEE KEEPING ON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE: Walt Talunas Township resident and President of Chester County Beekeepers Association discussed with the EAC members wanting to place beehives on Township property. Currently, his members are looking for additional locations for beehives and Township open space would be an ideal match. This would benefit the beekeepers, and provide needed pollinators in our open space. The space required is minimal and there is no danger to the public as honey bees are non-aggressive. An ideal location would be in an open field area with some type of vehicle access, since the hives, food and honey are heavy. The EAC members discussed possible locations and determined that Mt. Bradford, Skelp Level and Star Farm were good locations. Charlie Myhre made a motion to support the program and Brooke Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. EAC member Dave Williams will be contacted for advice and assistance in writing guidelines.

EAC SUPPORT FOR ACQUISITION GRANT: EAC members discussed and support the acquisition. Charlie Myhre signed and sent the support letter to Mandie Cantlin.

BRANDYWINE CREEK GREENWAY PLAN: The EAC has reviewed this plan and recommends that it be included in the Comprehensive Plan Update.

BRANDYWINE SCENIC BY-WAY PLAN: The EAC also reviewed this plan and recommends that this be included in the Comprehensive Plan Update.

LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS: Mt Bradford meadow work and parking lot improvements have been budgeted for 2015.

RUSTIN STUDENT'S SERVICE CLUB: Mandie Cantlin is supervising the club and the EAC discussed whether this group could do the natural resource inventory. Another possible project could be maintenance on the tree plantings.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: Kathy Bergmann has been invited to serve on the Comprehensive Plan task force and will keep the EAC updated with progress on the plan. The Comprehensive Plan will focus on four major themes and will contain achievable actions toward improving these focus areas.

REVIEW OF ABC Minutes

Kathy Bergmann reported that a public hearing is scheduled on March 10, 2015 for pipeline code changes. Brooke Davis reported that the Oral History project is in progress with the Historical Committee. Steve Werner reported on general activities of the Green Committee.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC: There will be no work session on March 2, 2015. The next regular EAC meeting will be Monday, March 23, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Steve Werner and seconded by Charlie Myhre, this meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Myhre
EAC Chairperson