

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF January 25, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brooke Davis  
Charlie Myhre  
Steve Werner  
Maura Sheehan  
Kathy Bergmann  
Mark Pontzer (Alternate)

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Jeff Cantwell  
Dave Williams  
Neil Weissman (Alternate)

**STAFF MEMBERS/SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Mark Lucas, Mike Lynch, John Snook

**RESIDENTS PRESENT:** Maryanne Bausinger (Chair of Parks and Recreation)

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Kendra McMillin

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**MINUTES:** Maura Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 23, 2015 regular meeting. Steve Werner seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2016:**

Charlie Myhre nominated Kathy Bergmann as Chair and Brooke Davis seconded the motion. Steve Werner nominated Brooke Davis as Vice-Chair for 2016 and Kathy Bergmann seconded the motion. Both nominations passed by unanimous vote.

**GREEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

The EAC welcomed Green Committee members Neil Weismann and Mark Pontzer to the group. Mark and Neil will serve as alternates and can vote on motions if all 7 regular members are not present. Mark Pontzer reviewed the ongoing projects of the Green Committee. The GC had been working on approaches to a Penn Tree inventory. There were discussions about rewording the ordinance to state "Heritage Trees" which may be more specific than just tree size. There may be an opportunity to inventory these trees on Township lands during the Ash Tree survey.

**REVIEW SCOPE OF SERVICES AND CONTRACT FOR REFUSE:**

Mike Lynch asked that the EAC to review the specifications and contract for refuse services and research possible ways to make our services more "Green."

**EMERALD ASH BORER(EAB):**

Kendra McMillin presented detailed information on Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestations, steps needed to develop a Township management plan and EAB treatment or preventative tree removal options. Kendra also showed examples of iTree, a public data management tool which could be used for the Township ash tree survey. The first step in developing a management plan will be to survey high risk acres of Township lands.

Kathy Bergmann presented the following recommendations to promote resident awareness of EAB and to get started on the ash tree survey. The EAC requests that Kendra McMillin prepare a written proposal to complete the services listed below. Once the proposal is reviewed by the

**EAC, we will recommend to the BOS that Kendra McMillin be retained for these services. The proposal needs to be finalized and submitted to the BOS by February 5, 2016.**

- 1. The EAC and staff will write an informational article for the website and a short “scary” post for our Facebook page.**
- 2. Have Kendra McMillin with help from the EAC develop a web based program to teach residents about EAB, how to identify ash trees on their property, and steps they can take to manage EAB infestations. Maura Sheehan recommended this online course as it will reach many more residents than a workshop.**
- 3. Have Kendra McMillin set-up the Township survey and train interested volunteers to conduct the survey. This would include working with staff and EAC to customize/develop the iTree data base for our survey and assisting in acquiring all needed equipment.**
- 4. Have Kendra train volunteers to enter the data into iTree and assist the Township in developing their EAB management plan.**

**The EAC also recommended that each Township committee discuss the EAB problem and ask for volunteers to take the training and to conduct the survey.**

### **DEVELOPMENT**

**SD # 632 -TIGUE/TOLL BROTHERS REVIEW: The EAC reviewed the new subdivision plans submitted 1-20-16 and had the following recommendations:**

- 1. With the current MS4 (Municipal separate storm sewer system)/TMDL (Total maximum daily load) regulations and the fact that Plum Run is listed as impaired, the EAC strongly recommends that any development result in no net increase in storm water flows from the property in its entirety. This is the same recommendation that was made for the West Chester University (2012) development plan.**
- 2. The EAC also recommends strict compliance with all current storm water ordinances, zoning ordinances, riparian buffer ordinances and open space requirements.**
- 3. The EAC also recommends that there should be minimal disturbance of steep slopes, forested buffers, and woodlands within the planned development. It is further recommended that any disturbances should be offset with enhancement of the existing woodlands and riparian buffers. We also want the developers to designate the location of the trees that will be removed and the reason for removal. Although the new plans show these trees on the north parcel there are no trees identified on the south parcel. In addition, we urge the identification and geo marking of William Penn trees and ash trees. This information should be included in the open space plan for the property and a complete open space management plan should be completed for the development.**
- 4. Given that the development will connect to public sewers, the EAC recommends that a detailed study of the collection and conveyance systems should be undertaken to confirm that these systems have the capacity and are in adequate condition to handle the load from the proposed development. The developer should make necessary upgrades to any part of the system that is insufficient.**
- 5. The EAC also recommends that all storm water management systems should have detailed operation and maintenance plans and all maintenance performed and the operating condition of these facilities should be reported to the Township on an annual basis. In addition, it is recommended that a reserve account be set up to fund ongoing maintenance of the storm water management systems.**
- 6. The EAC strongly recommends, in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan, to preclude development on the south side of Tigue Road to minimize the impact on an existing impaired Plum Run stream.**
- 7. Although traffic issues are outside the purview of the EAC, the EAC is very concerned with potential environmental impacts of increased traffic on both Tigue and Lenape Roads.**

**SHAW’S BRIDGE PARK TREES:**

**Brandywine Conservancy has trees available for a spring planting and the EAC recommends we plant 75 larger trees (5-7 gallon size) to fill in the buffer. The larger trees will better withstand flooding and deer browse. Brooke Davis volunteered to organize the planting.**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:**

**The next Comprehensive Plan meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016. An outline of the plan was sent to committee members in late December.**

**REVIEW OF ABC MINUTES:**

**Maura Sheehan suggested that we send a review of our designated committee's minutes to EAC members prior to our meeting and then the group can discuss pertinent topics.**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC: There will be no work session on Feb. 1, 2016 and next meeting of the EAC will be Monday, February 22, 2016.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Maura Sheehan made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. and Charlie Myhre seconded.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Kathy Bergmann  
EAC Chairperson**

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