

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Brooke Davis  
Dave Williams  
Kathy Bergmann  
Maura Sheehan  
Mark Pontzer  
Jeffrey Cantwell**

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

**Steve Werner  
Neil Weissman (Alternate)**

**STAFF MEMBERS/SUPERVISORS PRESENT: None**

**RESIDENTS PRESENT: Tom Duncan, Environmental Attorney**

**OTHER ATTENDEES: Kendra McMillan**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**At 7:05 p.m. the EAC meeting was called to order.**

**MINUTES: Maura Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2016 regular meeting. Dave Williams seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**EMERALD ASH BORER:**

**The EAC reviewed the proposal to hire Kendra as a consultant to set-up the Ash Tree survey. If Kendra can be hired soon, the EAB project can be started by mid-April. For this project we need other committees to be involved and a working committee needs to be set up with representatives from Parks and Rec, Trails, EAC and one Township person. The Emerald Ash Borer Committee (EABC) should consist of 5- 6 people with two advisors. Initially the EABC will need to meet frequently and all meetings will need to be open and in accordance to sunshine laws. Kathy will discuss the EABC with Mike Lynch and recommend to the Board the formation of the committee.**

**Education and Outreach: We need to start promoting something on the website with pictures of what an ash tree is and identifying the trees. We also need to encourage the residents to hire professionals to treat the trees and not do it themselves. Some residents are already treating the trees themselves and we are concerned about the insecticides winding up in the water. At the next meeting we will have something more concrete.**

**TREE PLANTING IN SHAW'S BRIDGE PARK:**

**The planting date has been set for Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Kathy sent an email out to the other committees filling them in with details. We need to follow up with Robert Daniels of the Brandywine Conservancy about tree arrival. When planting trees, we will keep them at a distance of 12 to 14 feet apart to allow for mowing.**

## **NEONICOTINOIDS**

**Dave Williams has spoken with John Snook and Mandie Cantlin and both are interested in testing the water. USDA does free ground water testing. According to studies, during the planting season, a lot of the neonicotinyl dust hits the air and settles in soil and water. Bird populations in these areas have decreased 20 to 30 percent and these neonicotinoids can accumulate in the groundwater. Any testing should take place during the planting season to check for contamination.**

## **REFUSE AND RECYCLING:**

**Mike Lynch said that there has been no resident feedback on our current refuse and recycling services. The EAC recommends looking at better ways for residents to dispose of yard waste. The West Bradford composing site is not convenient and brush and leaf pick-up is not frequent enough. When the new contract for refuse is negotiated, yard waste pick-up on a regular schedule should be considered. The pick-ups could be monthly during spring, summer and fall. Also with the new building consider allowing brush drop-off again at the Township Building. To save on refuse costs, the Township could consider forming a consortium with surrounding communities.**

**Lanchester Landfill is offering free E-waste recycling until December 2016. This information has been posted on the website and should be in the next newsletter.**

**DEVELOPMENT: No updates**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: Nothing has drastically changed.**

**Review of ABC Minutes – EAC Committee**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC: The next meeting of the EAC will be Monday, April 25, 2016. There will be no work session April 4, 2016.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Maura Sheehan made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. and Mark Pontzer seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kathy Bergmann  
EAC Chairperson**