

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Neil Weissman (alternate)**

**STAFF MEMBERS/SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Mark Lucas**

**RESIDENTS PRESENT: Tom Duncan**

**OTHER ATTENDEES: None**

**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 April 25, 2016 regular meeting. Dave Williams seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**STEVE WERNER'S REPLACEMENT: Tom Duncan, a township resident has volunteered to be considered to join the EAC.**

**EMERALD ASH BORER:**

**The ash tree survey parameters have been set-up and volunteers can now be trained to conduct the survey. Kathy has surveyed both East Bradford Park and Copeland Park. There are 14 ash trees identified in East Bradford Park and these 14 trees do not pose a significant threat to park users and only a few are located close to any park trails. The next step is to train Tenley Adams on the iTree program and get the data from the survey onto the Township computer. There was intense discussion on how to handle the liability issue with the trees. We need to bring awareness to the BOS and make sure they are willing to support the future costs of EAB management. The initial thought on conducting the ash tree survey was to develop a preliminary cost analysis on EAB management and prevent a huge budget hit in the future for removal of ash trees. Kathy will check in with the BOS and report back to us. We also need to start the education and outreach on EAB for the residents. Kathy handed out a website mock up for EAB education. The EAC discussed the message that will be put forth on the website. Kathy will work on the website presentation per the EAC's suggestions and discussion. Lastly, Kathy would like to discuss the township's tree policy with the BOS in regards to the EAB.**

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

**The planting on April 30<sup>th</sup> was successful and helped complete the riparian buffer. We ended up planting 85 trees with 40 volunteers.**

**Mark Pontzer assessed the tree planting at Brandywine Farm and reported that only about 10 % of the trees have survived. During the winter the area should be mowed and cleaned up. Our**

recommendations for future tree plantings would be to use only the larger 3-5 gallon size trees especially in flood prone or unmaintained areas.

**DEVELOPMENT:**

**SD# 632-Toll Brothers:** There was a hearing on June 14 and lots of ideas were tossed around. West Chester Borough and West Goshen will be presenting their plans/concerns in July.

**SD# 633- W.C. Sportsplex:** Still dormant.

**SD# 629-Nastase:** Getting ready to resubmit their plan.

**SD# 634-West Chester University Campus Development Plan.** WCU submitted to the Township plans with the current conditions as required for the South Campus Development District. These plans do not contain any planned future development, but there have been discussions about adding more dorms on South Campus. The EAC strongly recommends that West Chester University maintains all currently designated open spaces and any future development should be designed to have no adverse environmental impacts.

**NEONICOTINOIDS:**

Kathy Bergmann contacted the Chester County Conservation District to gather information on the use of neonics in the farming community. She also is looking for any information such as fact sheets or restrictions on neonicotinoid use. There were no further discussions on testing groundwater. The EAC would like to develop an article for the website/newsletter about neonicotinoid use and their impact on the bee population.

**REFUSE AND RECYCLING:** The contract for 2017 has been approved by the BOS. Before the next contract is finalized the EAC recommends that it include a monthly curbside pick-up for yard waste during the growing season.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:**

Final plan is on the website. Public hearing is tentatively scheduled for July 12, 2016.

**STRODE'S BARN STEWARDSHIP PLAN:** On July 7, 2016 at 4 pm there will be a meeting with Natural Lands Trust to discuss the stewardship plan.

**REVIEW OF ABC MINUTES – EAC Committee**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC:** The next meeting of the EAC will be Monday, July 25, 2016.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Brooke Davis made a motion to adjourn and Maura Sheehan seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Bergmann  
EAC Chairperson