

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
GREEN COMMITTEE  
MEETING-February 5, 2013**

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Green Committee was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 in the East Bradford Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA 19380-1822.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bruce Arnold, Chairman  
John Hagens  
Neil Weissman

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Supervisor John Snook  
Mark Lucas, Township Engineer

**GUEST PRESENT:**

Bill Finch: Owner of Alternative-Energy, Inc.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Green Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Bruce Arnold, Chairman.

**COMPLETION OF CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:**

Mr. Arnold completed his confidentiality agreement for 2013 and delivered it to Mr. Lucas for filing at the Township. Messrs. Hagens and Weissman had previously completed their documents.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

On the motion by Mr. Hagens and the second of Mr. Weissman, Mr. Arnold was re-elected Chair of the Committee for the year. In his absence, Mr. Johnson was proposed to continue his role as Vice Chair. At the March meeting, it will be determined if he is willing to continue to serve.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Finch had been invited to address the meeting at the invitation of Mr. Hagens. Mr. Finch is a consultant in the solar energy field. He had been asked to meet with the Committee to review solar energy options to deal with extended power outages in East Bradford homes. He brought with him several solar devices, including a very small solar device that is sufficiently powerful to recharge a cell phone or two during a power outage. His equipment included larger devices up to a pair of folding panels, that when connected with a second set of the same size and connected with appropriate batteries, can provide sufficient electric power to keep refrigeration equipment, computers, minimal lights and other small electric energy demand devices in operation during an extended power outage. He indicated that he works closely with Keares Electrical Contracting, Inc. which is capable of providing roof mounted solar panels as well as gas or propane 8 KW generators sufficient to power all devices in a typical home. There was discussion of these and other devices, including pricing information in broad terms.

Further discussion ensued regarding the possibility of holding an informational program for East Bradford Township residents, and potentially those of surrounding municipalities, regarding the diverse options available for alternative and emergency energy supply. Mr. Snook will ascertain the support of the Board of Supervisors for such a program, ideally to be scheduled for early summer.

Mr. Snook brought the good news that, just today, Wes Horner at the Brandywine Conservancy got word that all eight tree planting projects which the Brandywine Conservancy proposed for TreeVitalize funding in Chester County have been approved for implementation in 2013. Included is a 1,000 tree sapling planting program intended for East Bradford's Brandywine Farm property. After discussion, it was agreed to aim for a planting on April 27, with an alternate date of May 4. Mr. Snook will inform Mr. Horner of those dates for planning purposes and ascertain the support of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Hagens brought to the attention of the meeting, receipt of information about two meetings regarding the proposed Brandywine Creek Greenway that he received from Ms. Sheila Fleming, facilitator of the project. The meetings are to occur on February 21 and March 18. Township residents are welcome to attend. The Greenway is a project to create an environmentally appropriate green stretch of land all the way along the Brandywine Creek.

**AGENDA FOR MARCH MEETING:**

Topics to Include:

- Tree planting event
- Planning of a potential meeting of citizens of East Bradford, West Chester Borough, and other surrounding townships to learn about emergency systems to provide for reliable, safe power supplies during extended power outages, as well as alternatives to conventional power sources in general. A further element of such a meeting would be the particulars of home energy audits to evaluate the energy efficiency of homes.

**ADJOURNMENT;**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. Bruce Arnold  
Acting Secretary