

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
GREEN COMMITTEE
MEETING – April 2, 2013**

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Green Committee was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 in the East Bradford Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA 19380-1822.

Members Present:

Bruce Arnold
John Johnson
Neil Weissman
Don Scholl

Members Not Present:

John Hagens

Staff Present:

Mark Lucas

Guest:

Tony Rubilak, Brandywine Conservancy

CALL TO ORDER:

The Green Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Arnold, Chair.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Tuesday, March 5, 2013 meeting of the Committee were approved without change. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Scholl and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

TREE PLANTING:

Tree Planting: The planting of 750 trees at the Brandywine Farm property is scheduled for Saturday, May 11:

- **Planting:** The tree planting date is May 11.
- **Staging/Prep:** Delivery of trees by Octoraro Native Plant Nursery, and planting supplies, tools, etc. will take place on Friday, May 10.
- **Rain Date:** Rain date considerations were discussed. A determination of whether the planting can take place will need to be made by Thursday May 9 in the AM. Trees can be planted in light rain and following heavy rain as long as the site is accessible. However, given holidays (Mothers' Day 5/12, Memorial Day Weekend), other local events (Chester County Hospital Festival 5/18), and that planting beyond May is not optimal, the Committee decided that we need to pursue 5/11 as the day. That being said, other options will continue to be discussed offline. Tony Rubilak will contact Wes Horner of the Conservancy related to tree life and time delays possible without affecting tree viability. He will also contact Octoraro Native Plant Nursery regarding the delivery process and when a determination would need to be made to postpone the planting and to ask related to if trees can be "held" for a period of time without affecting viability, and what happens to the trees if we are not able to plant them.
- **Volunteers:** We will follow a similar approach to prior plantings, utilizing email lists, postings at West Chester University, etc. Further, Mr. Arnold will contact Township Committee Chairs to ask for support and recruiting of volunteers. Mr. Weissman will offer the planting to fellow AAA associates. Volunteers may participate in the staging day.

- **Publicity:** Mr. Weissman will prepare press releases and will contact the media pre and post event.
- **Planting instructions:** Wes Horner, Sheila Fleming, and Tony Rubilak will be onsite to provide planting instructions and a demonstration planting. The specific location of this aspect of the day will be determined by the morning of the Planting and/or Staging/Prep).
- **West Chester University:** Gerard Hertel, Adjunct Professor & Stewardship Manager at West Chester University will attend the planting, and will offer this to students as a volunteer activity.
- **Auger:** John Johnson will contact the Brandywine Valley Association regarding availability of their gas-powered auger.
- **Pick-Up Trucks:** Mr. Scholl will provide his pick-up and a Township pick-up may be available if determined necessary.
- **Refreshments:** Mr. Scholl will purchase coffee, munchkins, etc.
- **Port-a-Potty:** Mr. Lucas will research cost and logistics given there are no on-site facilities.
- **Parking:** Parking can take place onsite. The Committee will assign someone to direct volunteers to parking locations and signs will be prepared/placed on approaching roadways to direct volunteers to where the planting is taking place.
- **Registration:** Mr. Arnold will bring a table and tent. Further, he will bring cones for traffic control, to be used if necessary.
- **Continued discussions:** The Committee will continue to work offline. Final plans will be in place by the next meeting.

EXTENDED POWER FAILURE FORUM:

As reported in the March 5 minutes, the forum is scheduled for June 19, 7:00-8:30 PM, at the Township building. Mr. Hagens will emcee the event.

EMERALD ASH BORER PRESENTATION:

Mr. Lucas will review the most recent Botanical Survey to identify the estimated number of ash trees in the Township to determine the potential risk.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm upon a motion made by Mr. Scholl and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

NOTICE:

The next regular meeting of the Green Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Neil Weissman
 Rotating Secretary
 Green Committee Member