

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
GREEN COMMITTEE
MEETING – January 28, 2014**

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Green Committee was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 in the East Bradford Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA 19380.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Arnold (departing chair)
Neil Weissman
Don Scholl
John Hagens
Mark Pontzer (new member)

STAFF / SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Mark Lucas, Township Engineer
John Snook, Township Board of Supervisors

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Bruce Arnold.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Tuesday, October 1, 2013 meeting were approved; motion made by Don Scholl and seconded by John Hagens.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS:

John Hagens nominated Neil Weissman as the new committee chair, seconded by Don Scholl, and unanimously supported by the committee members. John Hagens nominated John Johnson as vice-chair seconded by Don Scholl, and unanimously supported by the committee members.

THANKS TO BRUCE ARNOLD

The members of the committee and supervisor John Snook expressed their sincere thanks to retiring chair, Bruce Arnold. Under Bruce's leadership the committee has spearheaded a number of activities including multiple tree plantings, bird house placements, setup of a Township library including books on climate change and renewable energy, organized trips to renewable energy sites, a Township backup power forum, and the successful encouragement of the resumption of the Township's litter pickup program. He led in developing a Green Committee strategic plan, initiated and chaired the quarterly chairs meeting comprised of all Township boards and commissions to facilitate cross committee understanding and discussion of issues, activities, and plans. In every way, Bruce was an outstanding chair and the group strongly encouraged him to participate in future committee activities.

NEW MEMBER MARK PONTZER

The members of the committee welcomed new member Mark Pontzer, who joins the committee with outstanding credentials and experience. Previously he was a founding member of the Caln Township Conservation and Renewable Energy Task Force. Mark has taught environmental science at Garnett Valley High School for the past nine years. He is also a self-employed attorney, running a small and successful law practice for the last five years. The committee looks forward to Mark's skills and energy in all of our sometimes manual-labor-intensive projects!

GREEN COMMITTEE PLANNING AHEAD

The committee discussed the implementation of our strategic plan, approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2012. Four items are currently in our pipeline:

1. Stewardship plan update from Township assistant manager Mandie Cantlin covering the status of these plans for the Township's open spaces. The committee wants to assure that our activities (tree planting, invasive plant management, etc.) are consistent with the sequencing of activities in the implementation of the stewardship plans. If possible, we would like to have Mandie provide the update at our next meeting.
2. Planting update from Gerald Hertel and/or Kendra McMillin, both associated with the West Chester University Gordon Natural Area and active participants in all of our tree planting events. They have monitored the success rates for our plantings and have offered to provide the committee with a detailed update on their findings so that our future plantings can be more successful. If available, we would like to have one or both of them to provide the update at our next meeting.
3. Completion of the tree planting at Brandywine Farms scheduled for April 12. We will again work with Wes Horner of the Brandywine Conservancy, with John Snook obtaining specific details from Wes over the next couple of weeks. It was agreed that we would develop and maintain an email list of people who have participated in previous plantings and other potentially willing people (all Township board and commission members, for example). John Hagens offered to maintain the list. Details for the April 12 planting will be specified at our February meeting.
4. Commercial and residential solar panel forum possibility to be further discussed at our next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next meeting of the committee will be shifted from February 25 to February 18. The March meeting will be on our regularly scheduled date of March 25.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM on a motion made by Don Scholl and seconded by John Hagens.

Respectfully submitted,
John Hagens
Acting Secretary