

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
GREEN COMMITTEE  
MEETING – August 26, 2014**

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Green Committee was held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 in the East Bradford Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA 19380.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Neil Weissman  
Don Scholl  
Mark Pontzer

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

John Johnson  
John Hagens

**STAFF / SUPERVISORS PRESENT:**

Mark Lucas, Township Engineer

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Neil Weissman. This was seconded by Mark Pontzer.

**AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Minutes From the 5/27 Meeting:
  - a. The motion to approve was made by Don Scholl and seconded by Mark Pontzer.
2. Strategic Plan
  - a. Long Range Plan – Mark Lucas provided a status report on the Township Long Range Plan. A short list of consultants has been identified based on proposal evaluations and presentations. A final decision will be made by the Board of Supervisors in the coming weeks. Then, plan development will take between 12 and 24 months coordinated by a to-be-established. The approach this year will be to emphasize a short list of attainable goals and related efforts.
  - b. Stewardship Role – The Committee agreed that we would ask the Township and Board of Supervisors for guidance related to areas of focus for the Green Committee. That being said, the Committee does feel that tree plantings and maintenance/remediation are valued and would like to be pursued, as are educational opportunities. Neil Weissman will draft a communication for review by the Committee.
  - c. Current and Future Projects for 2015 – The Committee reviewed the document distributed by the Township. While we do not have any specific rankings, we support tree-plantings, restoration at Mt. Bradford Preserve. Neil Weissman will respond to Township Assistant Manager, Mandie Cantlin.
3. Tree Plantings/Remediation
  - a. Future Plantings - The Committee discussed options for a fall tree planting. Based on email exchanges between Board of Supervisor John Snook prior to the meeting, approximately 350 trees may be available through the Brandywine Conservancy. Mark Lucas will contact John Snook to validate the availability of trees and type. We have set Saturday, November 1 as the tentative date for a new planting subject to availability, schedule, tree type (riparian?), and final agreement. Ranked order of locations:
    - i. Mt. Bradford Preserve
    - ii. Sugar's Bridge Nature Area

- iii. Another area – possibly filling in gaps at Shaw’s Bridge/Brandywine Farms
  - b. Shaw’s Bridge/Brandywine Farm Remediation – The Green Committee set Sunday, October 5 for a remediation/clean-up as part of its ongoing plan for maintenance of prior plantings. This will be offered as a volunteer opportunity. Neil Weissman will contact volunteer Chairs.
  - c. Neil Weissman relayed West Chester University’s Gerald Hertel’s suggestion that maintenance crews not cut as close to the trees as some have been damaged. Mr. Hertel also recommended that consideration be given to supplemental plantings to replace lost trees.
- 4. 2015 Budget
  - a. In response to the Township’s email dated July 29, 2014 requesting input to the 2015 East Bradford Township budget, the Committee agreed to request a budget of \$500. This is consistent with prior year requests. The motion was made by Mark Pontzer and seconded by Don Scholl. Neil Weissman will respond to Township Manager, Mike Lynch as outlined.
- 5. Brandywine Creek Greenway (BCG) Strategic Plan Input
  - a. Materials related to the Brandywine Creek Greenway (BCG) Strategic Plan distributed by the Township were briefly reviewed. The Committee agreed to review the Plan and provide comment by the September 30, 2014 due date. Members will bring comments to the September 23, 2014 meeting, at which we will synergize formal comments to be submitted.
- 6. East Bradford Township Facebook Page
  - a. The Committee will monitor the new East Bradford Township Facebook page. We will evaluate potential opportunities. For instance, we can promote volunteerism opportunities related to tree-plantings and remediation activities, other activities, and provide regular Committee updates.
- 7. Next meeting
  - a. The next meeting of the Committee will be on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 6:00 PM.
- 8. Adjournment
  - a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM on a motion made by Don Scholl, and seconded by Mark Pontzer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neil Weissman  
Acting Secretary