

Year End Report 2018

The Bristol Township Environmental Advisory Council (hereafter referred to as the EAC) has been established to provide leadership and guidance on environmental and sustainability matters to the Bristol Township Town Council and the community. In addition, it is our aim to provide local community environmental education on a regular basis. The EAC's proactive role would help to preserve and enhance the environment in Bristol Township. We will strive to keep the environmental issues in the forefront, help pass laws to aid the environment, and lead cleanups and tree plantings.

The Bristol Township Environmental Advisory Council would very much like to continue their efforts towards making Bristol Township and its region an environmentally friendly and beautiful place to live.

It usually consists of seven members. The current members are: Chairperson Ellen Miller, Vice-Chairperson, Scot Colby, April Whitley, Joe Krug, and Mike Nye. Dominic Filanowski has submitted a letter of intent and is waiting for Council approval. We are hoping to add another new member in 2019. Cathy Raupp serves as the Secretary.

We strive to become familiar with the local ordinances and continue to attend Bristol Township Council meetings, as well as meetings for surrounding EAC's.

We will try to encourage more people to get involved and become active members of the group.

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the municipal building, which is located next to the Bristol Township Senior Center.

The new Director of Public Works is Ray Hopkins. We hope to build a good working relationship with him going forward.

In our efforts to educate the community regarding the environment, we presented 3 educational programs and plan to do more in 2019. These included:

Composting, Penn State Master Gardener Bonnie Oliver

Climate Reality Project, Ellen Sternberg-Brennan

Birds, Butterflies, Bees, and Blooms, Mary Ann Borge, Naturalist

The EAC had a table at the Township Fall Festival, held September 22 at the Senior Center.

EAC members helped to clean up the rain garden at the Bristol Township Senior Center and replant it with additional native plants and trees.

EAC members also helped clean-ups at Silver Lake Nature Center on October 6 and the Magnolia Hill area on October 20.

Scott has worked on updating the local ordinances. They have been submitted to the solicitor for approval.

We continue to partner with GOAL, Heritage Conservancy, and others on environmental projects.

We will continue to try to attend lectures and seminars on environmental topics when we are able.

We will continue to research grants and ways to build funds so that we can be a more proactive group.

Randee Elton, the new Assistant Manager has been acting as a liaison to our group. We all need to work together to keep Bristol Township and its "green" issues moving forward. She will be adding our events to the township website to help us to advertise.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Raupp, Secretary

Bristol Township EAC