

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST BRADFORD
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 21-08

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE SAME**

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of West Bradford Township recognize that the preservation of open space, land conservation and sustainability are critical to the health, safety and welfare of the Township residents; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of West Bradford Township recognize that open space adds to the aesthetic beauty and value of the community as well as aids in protection of air and water quality, and maintains the rural character; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of West Bradford recognize that preservation efforts also serve a variety of necessary functions including stormwater management and flood control, agricultural use, composition of natural debris, and limits the impact of development; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognize that the best way to achieve the goals of land preservation and environmental sustainability is through the establishment of a sustainability committee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby adopts the following charter for the appointment of an advisory committee of the Township of West Bradford:

1. **NAME OF COMMITTEE:** The Land Preservation and Sustainability Committee.
2. **TYPE OF COMMITTEE:** The Committee shall be strictly advisory, provided the committee may undertake projects, if so approved by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.
3. **MISSION:** The committee of five (5) to eight (8) members is charged with advising the Board of Supervisors of West Bradford on the following matters:
 - a. Land Preservation
 - b. Tree planting along stream corridors
 - c. Education programs related to: Planting and maintaining of native species, use of rain gardens, stormwater and erosion controls, composting and reuse of natural materials, removal and control of invasive species, reduction of herbicides, pesticides, and lawn fertilizers, establishing backyard habitat, promoting the naturalization of stormwater basins in existing developments.
 - d. Investigating methods and programs available for recycling.
 - e. Aiding in community reforestation efforts.
 - f. Promoting energy conservation and the use of renewable energies.
 - g. Promoting multi-modal transportation such as trails and public transit.

4. MEMBERSHIP:

- a. The Committee shall consist of up to **eight (8)** and no less than five (5) members, each serving without compensation, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- b.** Committee members shall serve a term of three (3) years. For a five (5) member committee, two (2) members for three (3) years, two (2) members for two (2) years, and one (1) member for one (1) year. For **an eight (8)** member committee, **four (4)** members for three (3) years, three (3) members for two (2) years, and one (1) member for one (1) year. **When if a serving member is reappointed to a subsequent term, said term shall be three (3) years.**
- c. When members' terms expire, committee members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors based upon letters of interest and volunteer applications received.
- d. Committee members must be residents of West Bradford Township and must have resided in the Township for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to appointment.

5. MEETINGS:

- a. The Committee shall operate under Robert's Rule of Order.
- b. All Committee meetings are subject to the Sunshine Law.
- c. The Committee shall be responsible for keeping record of meeting minutes.
- d. Meetings conducted must have a minimum of a quorum present. A five (5) member board would require three (3) members present; **an eight (8) member board would require five (5) members present.**

**RESOLVED this 9th day of February, 2021 by the Board of Supervisors
of West Bradford Township.**

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST BRADFORD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Justin V. Yaich, Secretary

Jack M. Hines, Chairman

Kevin Houghton, Vice Chairman

Laurie W. Abele, Member