

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

RESOLUTION 22 - 17

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE SAME AND REPEALING ALL
OTHER LAND PRESERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY RESOLUTIONS.**

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 of West Bradford recognize that energy conservation is best done through an informed populace that can modify energy use based on best practices and economic benefit; 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 (LPSC).
2. **TYPE OF COMMITTEE:** The Committee shall be strictly advisory and serve as an educational tool for the community. The Committee may undertake certain related projects, if so approved by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.
3. **MISSION:** The committee of five (5) to seven (7) members shall advise the Board of Supervisors of West Bradford and assist in accomplishing the following matters:
 - a. Land Preservation – Identify and provide listings of properties that may be important for land preservation programs and to inform property owners of the benefits and processes for preservation of land. As directed by the Township Manager (or his/her designee), work with certified land preservation organizations to accomplish land preservation projects and provide periodic information to the public regarding the benefits of the land preservation programs.
 - b. Create and/or promote tree planting along stream corridors and other environmentally sensitive areas.
 - c. Promote opportunities to assist land owners with proper land management practices such as rain gardens, wild flower meadows and reforestation.
 - d. Encourage community reforestation programs.
 - e. Education programs related to: Planting and maintaining of native species, 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.

- f. Promote proper recycling within the scope of the Township Recycling program and explore opportunities for recycling that are reasonable and cost effective.
- g. When requested, assist other township committees on multi-modal transportation opportunities.
- h. Provide education and programming to promote energy conservation and the use of renewable energies.

4. MEMBERSHIP:

- a. The Committee shall consist of up to seven (7) 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 a seven (7) member committee, three (3) 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; a seven (7) member board would require four (4) members present.

**RESOLVED this 13 day of December, 2022 by the Board of Supervisors
of West Bradford Township.**

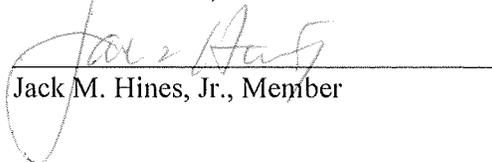
ATTEST:


Justin V. Yaich, Secretary

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST BRADFORD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**


Kevin Houghton, Chairman


Laurie W. Abele, Vice Chairwoman


Jack M. Hines, Jr., Member