

Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2014

Attendees: Commissioner Jane Hall; Twp. Liaison: Nora Schmidt, EAC Members: Henry Eichman, Derron LaBrake, Peter Puglionesi, Jan Marie Rushforth, David Schwartz, and Terry Watkins

1. Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes of the June 12, 2014 EAC Meeting were Approved
- b. Volunteer to Prepare Minutes – Peter P. and Jan Rushforth wrote up these minutes

2. Rain Garden Initiative Update - Work is proceeding at biweekly Rain Garden Team meetings and program materials are being drafted. Dave Schwartz will make a brief statement at the Board of Commissioners (BOC) Work Session on 8/4/14 and a lengthier update will be given by Nora Schmidt, Peter Hickman and Dave Schwartz at the BOC regular meeting on 8/11/14.

3. Next Township E-Waste Collection: No additional PRC E-Waste event will be scheduled this year due to the Twp. scheduled Delaware County sponsored event in the fall with Marple Twp. EAC may suggest locating future joint Twp. events at the CREC.

4. 2013 Annual Report Preparation Update – Terry Watkins is working on the 2013 EAC Annual Report beginning with brief bullet points that can be used for a slide show summary.

5. Local EAC Summit for Fall 2014: Kate Campbell will coordinate this with Beth Termini (who attended May meeting) for a Thursday in October at the CREC. EAC members were asked to provide any contact information they might have for members of neighboring EACs.

6. EAC Website Needs

- a. Nora Schmidt can't edit it directly, but agreed to coordinate website maintenance with Kelly Krause and Lori Widdop as necessary.
- b. An EAC volunteer is needed to regularly review EAC website content to identify outdated material and developing a retention policy is suggested.
- c. Current changes needed include:
 - i. For Upcoming and Recent Events, add Rain gardens: Dave S will send an announcement and survey link to Nora before Monday for Rain Gardens.
 - ii. REMOVE the expired Greenbuild notice
 - iii. REMOVE the word "Events" from "Upcoming and Recent"

7. Former McCandless Fuels Property - The matter was previously referred to Lori Widdop and the Township who are responsible for issuing permits and construction inspection.

8. Proposed Beechwood Parking for Septa Station – The Township submitted a grant application for a parking lot at the corner of Mill Road and Karakung Drive. This location is across the road from Cobbs Creek and adjacent to a park area and would be a good location for "Green Stormwater Infrastructure" design (e.g., permeable paving). Commissioner Jane Hall suggested that Peter Puglionesi request preliminary design information from either Commissioner Connell or Lori Widdop.

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- 9. Waste Collection** – Commissioner Hall reported on the rescheduling of yard waste collection to Mondays throughout the Township. In the first month, the amount of trash was reduced by 197 tons, reducing the trash tipping fee by approximately \$6,500. Despite the Township Manager’s new recycling video, our single stream recycling tonnage is still declining. Potential strategies discussed during this meeting included:
- a. Coordinate with the Township Manager on EAC recycling suggestions.
 - b. Expand recycling at the police station.
 - c. Expand PR on the new Township recycling video (link was not found on Township website). Per new video, we only recycle 16% of total trash or 4,500 tons. Recycling 800 tons more (~2.8%) will save \$260,000/year.
 - d. Consider trash fee schedule like Lower Merion.
 - e. Improve new resident recycling can and sticker distribution. (New residents report to EAC that they were not provided with a can at recent public events. Also provide 3 recycling stickers.)
 - f. Mail recycling stickers out each year with the annual trash schedule (perhaps with the sticker attached to the tri-fold schedule).
 - g. Buy new recycling cans for all households at \$200,000 - \$250,000. This would be paid back if it increases compliance by the 800 ton / \$260,000 goal stated in the video (which may be low). This could later be put on a 4 year rotating schedule, reducing costs to about \$50,000/year.
 - h. Charge a recycling fee of \$33 that pays for a recycling can.
 - i. Warn and then fine those who don’t recycle.
 - j. Complete a “waste audit” that has not been done.
- 10. Haverford Township Day:** Peter Puglionesi needs assistance reaching out to potential Green Zone participants. Dave Schwartz suggested focus table on just Rain Gardens and Recycling. The Township may set aside some of its area for Rain Gardens.
- 11. Superfund:** Josh Barber (from EPA) emailed the EAC an EPA letter on the YMCA air sampling results memorandum which indicated there is not undue risk and recommended re-sampling to obtain better detection limits. Peter Puglionesi’s reply indicated that the EAC cannot fully assess the results or EPA’s comments without the actual memorandum and results. Josh indicated that EAC was not provided the YMCA results because “evaluation is being conducted voluntarily by the YMCA and is not under any legal agreement with EPA.”