

## Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2014

**Attendees:** Commissioner Jane Hall; Environmental Coordinator/Liaison: Nora Schmidt, EAC Members: EAC Co-Chair: Jan Marie Rushforth, Henry Eichman, Peter Puglionesi, Derron LaBrake, David Schwartz, Terry Watkins and Township Assistant Director and Liaison: Lori Hanlon Widdop.

#### 1. Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes of the September 11, 2014 EAC Meeting were approved.
- b. Volunteer to Prepare Minutes – Terry Watkins and Jan Marie Rushforth

**2. Targeted Flooding Area** – Green Storm Water Infrastructure (GSI) is a good solution and grant money may be attainable. A green sewer was suggested along with a request for sewer maps in flood prone areas and frost lines. Permeable and pervious paving uses less salt as the frost melts and penetrates. There was also a suggestion to explore tax payer friendly options through identification of funding sources available for GSI. Derron LaBrake, Peter Puglionesi, Henry Eichman, David Hartke, David Schwartz and Nora Schmidt are on the Storm Water Subcommittee.

**3. Recycling** – The recycling stream is probably lighter by weight with people consuming less glass and more paper or plastic. Due to its size, the recycling truck sometimes will make multiple trips to Norristown. There was a suggestion to do a waste inventory including a truck design analysis and setting metrics on where the township is now and where we want to be on recycling. There is an ordinance and state law requiring businesses to recycle in any town with over 5,000 residents but methods of enforcement are not known.

**4. Haverford Township Day** – The count from the surveys during the day and surveys on line totaled 34 people interested in rain gardens. Ten out of thirty survey respondents were selected to receive recycling bins. In spite of decreased space the **Green Zone** worked well and we will try to replicate the Green Zone in 2015. Recycling initiatives were suggested which would include middle and high school students in a recycling competition to break the world's record for largest recycling container and a mega plastic bag to promote recycling of plastic bags. Green zone businesses had more of an advertising presence. To encourage a more "green friendly" environment, it was suggested that we should invite a composting group.

**5. Rain Garden Initiative** – Additional training workshops will be held in the spring. Jamie Anderson is looking at a mini grant for a rain garden in Oakmont. Volunteers would be needed for planting.

**6. Mr. Storage/Eagle Road Subdivision Redevelopment** – The owner has agreed to all EPA limits but there is a concern about pressure on cap. The issue of storm water should be addressed including the impervious surface of cap. There will be exploration of a Storm water tank mitigation to be placed at another location. There was a **motion** for the EAC to **recommend consideration of a blue or green roof for the Superfund redevelopment site.**

**7. Presentation of the 2013 Annual Report to Board of Commissioners on October 13, 2014** – The annual report included 2013 Arbor/Earth Day Weekend of Activities, Recycling, E-Waste recycling, EAC Web-Site, Stormwater/Rain Garden Initiative, Slopes Ordinances, Mosquito and West Nile Virus Management, Superfund Site, Heritage Festival, Haverford Township Day, and Trails and Walking/Bicycling Improvements.

**8. EAC Summit October 16, 2014 at C-REC** – EAC representatives from Haverford, Lower Merion, Radnor, and Tredyffrin will be asked to come with one action item or idea to present and open up for discussion. Kate suggested we speak about the Rain Garden Initiative.

*Minutes prepared by Terry Watkins with edits by Jan Marie Rushforth. Actionable Ideas for 2015*