

## Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2014

**Attendees:** Commissioner Jane Hall; Environmental Coordinator/Liaison: Nora Schmidt, EAC Members: Co-Chair Jan Marie Rushforth, Henry Eichman, Peter Puglionesi, David Schwartz, Dave Hartke and Terry Watkins and EAC appointee Derron LaBrake.

1. **Minutes – Jan opened and led the meeting.**
2. **Storm Water** – Grants were discussed at November's public meeting with reference to targeted flooding areas. NFWF (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation) which gave the grant on rain gardens, has a grant for watershed protection and green storm water infrastructure (GSI). The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) may have available grants but it is competitive. EAC would like to research the data and sewer design and determine if any green storm water infrastructure (GSI) could be applied. Merwood Park, which is maintained by the Township and owned by SEPTA, has the potential to be a bio-swale demonstration since it holds water. Dave Schwartz volunteered to send a written request to Commissioner Jane Hall and she will forward the request asking for sewer maps to Dave Pennoni.
3. **Rain Garden Initiative** – The committee is in the process of testing and evaluating areas. There will be a meeting on Tuesday 11/25/14. Additional workshops will be held in the spring. There is a \$500 micro grant application initiated by Jamie on the rain garden at Oakmont. The rain garden, maintained by EAC, will include a plaque and EAC rain garden acknowledgement.
4. **2013 Annual Report Presentation on Tuesday, October 13, 2014**  
EAC extends their appreciation to all presenters and authors: Peter Puglionesi, Dave Schwartz, Henry Eichman, Terry Watkins, Jan Rushforth, Kate Campbell, Beth Termini, and Dave Hartke. Jan Marie Rushforth sent slides (11/20) to go onto the EAC website. Dave Schwartz will send PDF to members including Nora for EAC website. **Larry Gentile, Twp Manager agreed to provide \$15K in next year's budget for the Rain Garden Initiative** after Dave Schwartz' impressive research & presentation on saving tax dollars and resolving flooding through Green Storm water Infrastructures, prepared from his hospital bed after emergency surgery! (*Talk about dedication!*) ☺
5. **Local EAC Summit Fall 2014 on Thursday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7 P.M. – 9 P.M. at the C-REC**  
EAC extends their thanks to Kate Campbell and Beth Termini, attendees and to other EAC representatives who attended: Lower Merion, Radnor, Upper Darby and Tredyffrin. Topics discussed included: energy, recycling, bamboo ordinance, storm water and sewer infrastructure, and trees. Lower Merion is soliciting help for their Earth Day scheduled at Riverbend on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 focusing on sustainability. Earth Day in Haverford Township is scheduled for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Peter attended the Earth Day in Wynnewood, a small community event which included music and food in a park setting. Karakung Drive might be a location to explore for next year's Earth Day.
6. **Haverford Township Day** – Thanks to all who volunteered before, during and after and to **Peter** for organizing the Green Zone and vehicles for the parade. There was discussion with regard to acknowledgements.
7. **Web Site Status – Mission Statement**  
Nora acknowledged that Jan sent a PDF of the corrected two pages on Nov. 20 for the EAC website.  
<http://www.haverfordtownship.org/department/board.php?structureid=53>  
EAC approved wording change: The EAC meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held the second Thursday of (most) every month at 7:30 P.M. in the back room of the Quatrani Building located at 2325 Darby Rd., Havertown. Residents may also send comments and concerns to the EAC. Peter found that the EAC ordinance updated in 2012 confirms that we are both a committee and regular advisory board. We decided to stay as "Environmental Advisory Committee".

## 8. Environmentally Friendly Paving

Lori requested recommendations for environmentally friendly paving and design standards for parking lots and residential driveways to “green up” parking and referenced in Chapter 5 of the EPA Green Parking Lot Resource manual:

<http://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyNET.exe/P100D97A.TXT?ZyActionD=ZyDocument&Client=EPA&Index=2006+Thru+2010&Docs=&Query=&Time=&EndTime=&SearchMethod=1&TocRestrict=n&Toc=&TocEntry=&QField=&QFieldYear=&QFieldMonth=&QFieldDay=&IntQFieldOp=0&ExtQFieldOp=0&XmlQuery=&File=D%3A%5Czyfiles%5CIndex%20Data%5C06thru10%5CTxt%5C00000031%5CP100D97A.txt&User=ANONYMOUS&Password=anonymous&SortMethod=h%7C->

[http://www.sreamteamok.net/Doclink?Green%20Parking%20Lot%20Guide%20\(final\).PDF](http://www.sreamteamok.net/Doclink?Green%20Parking%20Lot%20Guide%20(final).PDF)

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The Planners are working on items such as replacing high pressure sodium parking lot/street lights with an LED light.

Lori would like the EAC to add to their agenda input on a design standard for paving material. Dave offered the following site which may be helpful –

<http://www.porouspaveinc.com/> and a list of certified installers.

Environmentally Friendly Paving will be part of the Storm Water and Rain Garden Committee.

Peter volunteered to keep in contact with Lori and to clarify the task to determine if this will be

considered an add-on option to current codes or will it replace current code rules for new construction. The committee will explore the possibility of using impervious pavement. Radnor Township as an impervious based fee.

9. **EAC membership** – Please tell Larry Gentile and your Commissioner your intentions with regard to your continuing membership and suggestions of other residents who would like to become members.

Due to a variety of reasons, Jan is relinquishing most of her activities on our EAC. As Jan would like the EAC to thrive, when asked she is delighted to continue as “EAC Emeritus” and to help with presentations when asked.

10. **Preparation of the 2014 EAC Annual Report**

A draft should be prepared in January with designation of topics. Terry will write up a table of contents.

11. **Superfund – Mr. Storage/Eagle Rd. Subdivision Redevelopment**

David Schwartz volunteered to draft a letter to Commissioner Jane Hall who would forward the letter to Planning and Zoning. The letter would suggest consideration of a Green or Blue Roof to be examined for the space rental on the Superfund site.

12. **December Meeting: Thursday, December 11 at C-REC**

After the meeting, we will have a party with members bringing supplies and food offerings.

Minutes prepared by Terry Watkins with edits by Jan Marie Rushforth. Future action for 2015