

## Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2015, 7:30 pm

**Attendees:** EAC Members: Aurora Dizel; Henry Eichman, David Hartke, Derron LaBrake; David Schwartz, Peter S. Puglionesi, Terry Watkins; Twp. Liaison: Nora Schmidt; Volunteers/Guests: None

#### 1. Meeting Minutes

- a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1/8/15** (Motion: Peter, 2nd Henry, unanimous).
- b. **Volunteer to Prepare Tonight's Minutes** (Peter Puglionesi)

2. **Reappointments/Reorganization:** Additional BOC appointments were conveyed by L. Gentile and G. Cuggini (the last appointment was conveyed after the meeting/before the minutes were finalized). Henry Eichman and Peter S. Puglionesi were nominated as Co-Chairs and unanimously approved. The full slate of appointees and EAC elected members include:

Member	Ward	Appointed by:
Terry Watkins	1	D'Emilio
David Schwartz	2	Oliva
Michael Shaefer	3	Hall
Aurora Dizel	4	Siegel
Colleen Dwyer Hansen	5	Heilmann
Michael D'Antonio	6	Holmes
Henry Eichman, Co-Chair	7	McGarrity
Peter Puglionesi, Co-Chair	8	Connell
Patty Loomer	9	Wechsler
Susan Cook	-	EAC Appointee
Derron LaBrake	-	EAC Appointee
David Hartke	-	EAC Appointee

3. **EAC Website:** 2013 Annual Report slides and Rain Garden Presentations still need to be properly located on the web site. Per L. Widdop email, this must go through L. Gentile. No further updates from web maintenance volunteer **Michael Schafer** or Twp liaison **Nora Schmidt**.

#### 4. **GSI & Rain Garden Subcommittee (DL, PSP, HE, DH, DS, NS) Update:**

NFWF Grants: D. LaBrake reported that he met with Township officials and several Commissioners on the potential to get two Haverford Projects (Chatham Glen and Thompson Nature Park) onto the National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) priority project list for Cobbs/Naylors watershed restoration grant funding. D. LaBrake and P.S. Puglionesi met with SEPTA staff and L. Gentile sent a letter to SEPTA management requesting concurrence in adding a third, the Hathaway Bioswales project, located on SEPTA property.

100 Rain Gardens Initiative: N. Schmidt indicated that Twp. legal reviewed and approved the homeowner agreement and these were communicated to the selected top 5 garden candidates. N. Schmidt will be endeavoring to set up meetings with the 5 owners to get agreements and review locations/plants.

Oakmont Rain Garden: D. Schwartz indicated that he and J. Anderson submitted a \$500 mini-grant in January to NFWF for planting the Oakmont Rain Garden.

Supporting Bus Yard Rain Garden: No further updates at meeting, but **P. Hickman will pick a good planting day** given plant availability and **N. Schmidt will reach out to HTSD** on using

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their training room for a Spring Rain Garden Workshop and planting to support planting there. Advice on Updates to Twp. Subdivision Design Standards: L. Widdop previously requested EAC recommendations to the Planning Commission for updating parking lot, sidewalk residential driveway specs and impervious cover standards to reflect modern GSI and improve infiltration and reduce flooding. D. Schwartz and D. Hartke had no progress to report on research of “model” ordinances/guidelines.

5. **Recycling:** H. Eichman indicated he will discuss with J. Hall his summary report on a recent Springfield study. Aurora Dizel provided information on a Coca Cola grant program for recycling containers and N. Schmidt will follow up with a grant application.
6. **Haverford Township Day:** New Green Zone ideas include a recycling competition to break the world’s record for largest recycling container in a mega plastic bag to promote recycling of plastic containers and inviting a composting group. Dave Hartke volunteered to coordinate and reach out to HHS and MMS student groups, teachers and parents for this recycling competition (e.g. HHS Boosters, AWARE, HAS). He will also see which Cub scout and Boy Scout troops (not already engaged with booths) can participate.
7. **Mr. Storage/Eagle Road Subdivision Redevelopment** – D. Schwartz said he would follow up with L. Widdop on EAC’s December *recommendation that the developer/Zoning Board consider a blue or green roof for the Superfund redevelopment* to make sure it gets conveyed to the Zoning Board.
8. **Earth Day (Sat., April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015).** EAC decided to keep it at CREC and make it low key with hikes, talks, stream exploration, and plantings (e.g., spring follow up on rain garden planting). Dave Hartke volunteered to coordinate and work with Cub scout and Boy Scout troops on Earth Day.
9. **Preparation of the 2014 EAC Annual Report:** T. discussed the draft a table of contents and will distribute it. Work should begin immediately thereafter with designation of topics.
10. **New Business - Review Superfund Site Annual Report/Recommendation to EPA to Shutdown Downstream Pumping:** Reviewed the documents and D. LaBrake indicated that the pumping was being conducted in the deep aquifer and the contamination detections between the near and far downstream pumping locations is in the shallow aquifer which is not influenced by deep pumping. (P. Puglionesi had a subsequent discussion with EPA and they will be seeking EAC input on the 5 year assessment and pumping shutdown timing.