

Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2015, 7:30 pm

Attendees: EAC Members: Henry Eichman, Peter S. Puglionesi, David Schwartz, Patty Loomer, Terry Watkins

1. Meeting Minutes

- a. **Prior Meeting Minutes Approval** (Motion: H. Eichman, 2nd D. Schwartz, Unanimous).
- b. **Volunteer to Prepare Tonight's Minutes** (P. S. Puglionesi)

2. EAC Website: Some changes made, others not. L. Gentile said there is a new staff member who will maintain the web site. Schaefer reviewed, will communicate needed changes to the new person.

3. Recycling: P. S. Puglionesi and H. Eichman reviewed the draft revised ordinance and sent comments to L. Gentile. It was approved at the May 11 BOC meeting. Discussed meeting with Public Works to discuss new ideas. Discussed alternative ways to ensure that new residents get a recycling bin, schedule, etc. including Public Works, EAC, Realtors.

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

NFWF Grants: Awards due by early summer for two DCVA applications for National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) grants for Chatham Glen Park and Thompson Nature Park to construct treatment wetlands and added storage capacity. A third potential application for the Hathaway Bioswales project, with SEPTA approval, can be submitted in a later round.

100 Rain Gardens Initiative: Installations May 17th and 30th, June 13th and 27th and one “self-planting” for the 5 spring planting gardens. Nolan Painting is interested in being a RG sponsor.

Oakmont Rain Garden: NFWF \$500 mini-grant awarded for planting the Oakmont Rain Garden. Dave S. will coordinate, planning on a fall planting and ask HPED to help publicize and participate in the planting and possibly pay for sign.

Spring Rain Garden Workshop / Planting: Held Sun., May 3rd, 1-4 PM and was moved from the the Darby Creek riparian restoration project rain garden to the CREC due to the Township having difficulty with the garden and its timely completion.

Advice on Updates to Twp. Subdivision Design Standards: L.Widdop renewed her request for 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. Discussed D. Schwartz contacting the APA and other stakeholders who might be able to help.

5. Earth Day (Sat., April 18th, 2015). Held at the CREC with extensive scout troop participation including planting, hikes, talks, stream exploration, and bike rodeo. Thanks to all participants, especially A. Dizel, N. Schmidt and D. Hartke for planning and execution. Only lesson learned was to tighten up the schedule to eliminate gaps.

6. Haverford Heritage Festival (Sun. June 7th, 2015). T. Watkins will loan EAC her table / tent. H. Eichman will coordinate the volunteers and information. D. Schwartz and H. Eichman will make new Recycling and Rain Garden posters to supplement previous rain garden posters recently relocated. P. Puglionesi will “register” EAC for the event. Patty Loomer will take handouts from Terry. Henry will develop a recycling “exercise” and survey that will give folks

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a chance to win recycling bins. Henry will ask HT PW Director R. Dougherty for 3-10 bins to give away.

- 7. Haverford Township Day Green Zone (Sat., Oct. 3rd, 2015):** A. Dizel is coordinating outreach to HHS and MMS for a possible recycling competition and met twice with the principals (and P.S. Puglionesi). The principals are considering either breaking the world's record for recycling shoes/sneakers or a community service outreach project. Still need to identify and invite a composting group.
- 8. Mr. Storage/Eagle Road Subdivision Redevelopment** – D. Schwartz indicated that L. Widdop said the developer considered a blue or green roof but the weight limit on the cap was problematic and will contribute \$ for mitigation elsewhere instead. D. Schwartz will ask L. Widdop if the \$ can be used to fund the EAC RG program.
- 9. YMCA Proposed Parking Lot:** No further updates beyond phone discussion with YMCA representatives on potential for using GSI best practices.
- 10. Preparation of the 2014 EAC Annual Report:** P.S. Puglionesi distributed a revised draft on April 8 for additions by volunteers. Volunteers include: Rain Gardens – D. Schwartz, Recycling – H. Eichman, Superfund – P. Puglionesi, Public Events – T. Watkins. No feedback received yet. P.S. Puglionesi will redistribute.
- 11. Rescheduling EAC Meetings:** In March a request to change the meeting schedule to the 1st Tuesday of the Month was unanimously approved. P. Puglionesi emailed L. Gentile with this request on April 8th, 2015. P.S. Puglionesi will repeat the request.
- 12. Superfund Site:** P. Puglionesi, D. LaBrake and H. Eichman participated in EPA's requested interview on April 2, 2015 and EPA indicated EAC questions have been or will be addressed in the 5 year assessment report, expected in August.
- 13. New Business – None**