

## Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2016, 7:30 pm

Attendees: EAC Members: David Schwartz (2 - Oliva) – Aurora Dizel (4 - Siegel) – Colleen Dwyer Hansen (5 - Heilmann) – Michael D’Antonio (6 - Holmes) - Henry Eichman - (7 - McGarrity) - Peter Puglionesi (8 - Connell) – Patty Loomer - (9 - Wechsler) - Dave Hartke (EAC Appointee) - P. Hickman (Township Liaison). Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> Tue. of Mo. at Quattrani except 7/5 & 9/6 (CREC), 10/5 (Weds).

#### 1. Meeting Minutes

a. **Prior Meeting Minutes Approval** (Motion: H. Eichman, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. D’Antonio, Unanimous).

b. **Volunteer to Prepare Tonight’s Minutes** (P. S. Puglionesi)

2. **EAC Website**: No progress. M. Schaefer to finalize EAC Comments on the web site on the draft “markup” of changes in MS Word. He will then send to L. Gentile and G. Cugini and meet with G. Cugini to ensure that she understands the changes to be made.

3. **Recycling**: L. Gentile agreed to hold a meeting with EAC and Public Works in April to discuss new ideas previously discussed not yet conducted (topics: alternative ways to ensure that new residents get a recycling bin, sending stickers out with the recycling calendar, etc.). He indicated that Bob Grove was tasked with putting letters in residents mailboxes who don’t recycle and there was push back from Commissioners who received complaints from constituents. A joint Haverford/Marple E-Waste collection is scheduled for May 21 in Marple.

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

Intern: No progress. N. Schmidt will emailed Villanova contacts regarding getting an intern.

Paddock Park Rain Garden: No updates (previously discussed concern with design, including potential for net increase in stormwater discharge to sewer due to inlets along access road).

WC Pike Median Rain Gardens: EAC/Rain Garden team members Puglionesi, Anderson and Schwartz met with L. Gentile January 27<sup>th</sup> to present design examples and discuss putting in rain gardens on West Chester Pike in the vicinity of West Gate Hills and Lawrence Road. Mr. Gentile indicated that if we identify a suitable location and advise on the layout and depth and plants, the Township can do the installation, including any necessary curb cuts, etc.).

Grants/Sponsorships: Haverford Township Civic Council awarded a \$1500 grant. Open items: A. Dizel contacted Mom’s Organic Foods and Giant, T. Watkins offered to post on the Cardinal Foley web site, M. Schaefer offered to contact Whole Foods to see if they would dedicate a 5% day to the program, and P.S. Puglionesi was to get a I-Radio Philly PSA aired.

NFWF Grants: No new developments. The two prior 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 and a third potential application for the Hathaway Bioswales project (with SEPTA approval) can be submitted for “pre-approval” by Temple University staff advising NFWF and submitted in later rounds to NFWF.

100 Rain Gardens Initiative: 5 residences for garden installations in spring were selected.

Two potential park locations will be reviewed for a public garden.

Oakmont Rain Garden: No updates. D. Schwartz will plan for planting in the spring.

Advice on Updates to Twp. Subdivision Design Standards (for updating parking lot, sidewalk residential driveway specs and impervious cover standards to reflect modern GSI and improve infiltration and reduce flooding): No new developments. Still need someone to

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volunteer to lead this effort. Open action items: D. Schwartz to contact the APA, City of Lancaster and other stakeholders who might be able to provide a “model” SALDO and/or specification.

DEP MS4 Permit for TMDL Watersheds: No updates. Revised MS4 General Permit is due in early 2016 with a requirement that every municipality discharging to an impaired water must put together a plan, with real projects identified and costed, for reducing causes of impairment by 5%-10% over the permit 5-yr term to avoid EPA and DEP creating a Total Maximum Daily Limit (TMDL) for the impaired water (e.g., 5-10% reduction of solids load).

- 5. Assessing Progress in Climate Action Plan Implementation.** A. Dizel will endeavor work with C. McCabe who led the effort to develop that plan and Beth Termini who previously led EPA Region 3 sustainability efforts as well as Township staff T. Denny who was responsible for the Township operation component and Lori Widdop who was responsible for the community education and implementation component of it.

Municipal Services Building: See 13 below.

School/Municipal Solar Funding: Puglionesi discussed information on available funding for solar power for public agencies and will convey to P. Hopkins of HTSD.

- 6. Haverford Township Day Green Zone (Sat., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015)**: No updates. Planning will resume after Earth Day events in April.
- 7. Planning for Earth Day Event (Sat. April 23, 2016)**. At the time of the meeting, A. Dizel was still awaiting a response from HMS and HHS principals regarding holding it on their campus. She is following up with student groups and will continue planning for holding it at CREC.
- 8. Contributions to Township and Recreation Newsletters.** Next deadline is for the Township Newsletter and for Recreation Department’s HavaGood Times is February/March 2016.
- 9. YMCA Proposed Parking Lot**: No updates. The YMCA plans were approved. Should review what/whether any GSI best practices were used and then remove from the agenda.
- 10. Preparation of the 2014/2015 EAC Annual Report**: No progress. Per last meeting, will do a 2 year report/presentation “on-schedule” in January. Comments received on the April 8 draft (Rain Gardens – D. Schwartz, Recycling – H. Eichman, General – J. Rushforth) to be integrated by P.S. Puglionesi and redistributed.
- 11. Superfund Site**: No updates. The 5 year assessment report is at <http://loggerhead.epa.gov/5yr/search>.
- 12. Quadrangle Coordination**: No progress. The Quadrangle Director, Denise Miller, is trying to reschedule a meeting with a Quadrangle environmental working group to better connect them to township environmental activities and get advice on what they can do as a group.
- 13. Township Building and Trail**: L. Widdop emailed info: LEED Gold design; filed for govt. RACP grant; looking for private grants; green roof over garage; some porous paving; rain gardens; looking for funding for solar parking lot canopies to power electric vehicle charging stations.
- 14. New Business**: None.