

Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2015, 7:30 pm

Attendees: EAC Members: Aurora Dizel (4 - Siegel) – Michael D’Antonio (6-Holmes) - Henry Eichman - (7 - McGarrity) - Peter Puglionesi (8 - Connell) - Dave Hartke (EAC Appointee).

1. Meeting Minutes

a. **Prior Meeting Minutes Approval** (Tabled, H. Eichman to prepare draft for review).

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

2. **EAC Website:** No progress. M. Schaefer remains tasked with review, creating a “markup” of changes in MS Word, communicating needed changes, and meeting with G. Cugini. Changes are reviewed by L. Gentile and executed by G. Cugini.

3. **Recycling:** No progress. Meeting with L. Gentile and Public Works to discuss new ideas previously discussed not yet conducted (topics: alternative ways to ensure that new residents get a recycling bin, schedule, etc. including Public Works, EAC, Realtors). Per previous, Twp. plans to send out the recycling stickers in January to every resident per our suggestion. Discussed recent NY Times article and its somewhat slanted and NYC focus not considered relevant to Pennsylvania due to our lower cost of recycling vs. disposal.

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

Business Sponsorship: Per prior EAC vote, Hav-a-Rain Gardens program entered into a partnership with the Haverford Township Civic Council (HTCC) and their new “Haverford in Bloom” (HIB) Action Priority Task Force to coordinate on gardens in public spaces and to allow corporate contributions to a non-profit entity for funding planting on both residential (general contributions) and public spaces. Businesses interested in sponsoring rain gardens and supporting the program will send contributions earmarked for Hav-a-Rain Garden program to HTCC. P. Puglionesi and D. Schwartz will serve as liaisons to the HIB Task Force.

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: Five gardens were selected and planted in September and early October culminating in the garden planted on Darby Road during Haverford Township Day.

Oakmont Rain Garden: D. Schwartz indicated that the planting using the NFWF \$500 mini-grant (with HPED participation) will be pushed to 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 volunteer to lead this effort. Previously discussed: 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 further information on new draft permit and specific requirements for reducing TMDL load (e.g., 5-10% reduction of solids load).

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5. **Haverford Township Day Green Zone (Sat., Oct. 3rd, 2015):** The event went well, though attendance was down due to weather. Scout troop participation in promoting recycling was light (5 people total) and was not successful in terms of volume recycled, although they gave out many recycling stickers. HHS and MMS principals canceled the attempt to break the worlds record for recycling shoes/sneakers concurrent with HT Day due to an SAT test conflict. We discussed that this is likely to be problematic every fall and that if they attempt to break the record, they should either do it on their own schedule or at an Earth Day event in the spring (possibly relocated to the Middle School or High School). A. Dizel will reach out to the principals to discuss whether they want to collaborate on Earth Day.
6. **YMCA Proposed Parking Lot:** The YMCA plans were approved. Should review what/whether any GSI best practices were used and then remove from the agenda.
7. **Preparation of the 2014 EAC Annual Report:** No progress. 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. A suggestion was made to do a 2 year report/presentation “on-schedule” in January.
8. **Rescheduling EAC Meetings:** L. Gentile indicated that this April 8th, 2015 request to change the meeting schedule to the 1st Tuesday of the Month will best wait until the 2016 schedules are put in a Public Notice. P.S. Puglionesi will repeat the request in December.
9. **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. Although the report was “expected in August”, it has not been posted.
10. **New Business – Quadrangle Coordination:** The Quadrangle Director, Denise Miller, requested a meeting to discuss whether the EAC would be willing to work with a Quadrangle environmental working group to discuss how they can better connect to township environmental activities and get our advice on what they can do as a group. P. Puglionesi attended at the Quadrangle on September 18th and we agreed to collaborate. D. Miller will advise on a schedule for meeting with the group.