

Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2015, 7:30 pm

Attendees: EAC Members: **Terry Watkins (1 - D'Emilio) - Michael Schaefer (3 - Hall) - 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** (Motion: H. Eichman, 2nd D. Hartke, Unanimous).
- b. **Volunteer to Prepare Tonight's Minutes** (P. S. Puglionesi)

2. EAC Website: M. Schaefer produced a draft "markup" of changes in MS Word. He will email to EAC for additional input. We discussed new Rain Garden and Green Power selection content should be added. He will then send to and meet with G. Cugini to ensure that she understands the changes. 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). T. Watkins will contact L. Gentile to confirm that he will execute his plans to send out the recycling stickers in January to every resident per our suggestion.

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

Business Sponsorship: The first business sponsor contribution to the Hav-a-Rain Gardens program of \$1000 was received from Nolan Painting (by non-profit partner Haverford Township Civic Council to dedicated rain garden fund). Businesses interested in sponsoring rain gardens and supporting the program will send contributions earmarked for Hav-a-Rain Garden program to HTCC. P. Puglionesi will email the brochure to the EAC for their outreach efforts. T. Watkins indicated she could post on the Cardinal Foley web site and A. Dizel would distribute to businesses like Mom's. M. Schaefer offered to interface with Whole Foods to see if they would dedicate a 5% day to the program. P.S. Puglionesi will endeavor to get a PSA aired on I-Radio Philly and a posting in the HTCC "Informed Citizen" emailer.

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: Additional outreach has yielded numerous new inquiries and assessments of residences for potential installations next spring and fall are underway.

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): Still need someone to volunteer to lead this effort. P.S. Puglionesi reached out to Lower Merion and their Comprehensive Plan update includes a new Water Resources element that addresses GSI goals. They are also looking at adding green infrastructure incentives to the stormwater code but have made no changes yet to the SALDO/Development specs. Open action items: D. Schwartz to contact the APA,

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City of Lancaster and other stakeholders who might be able to provide a “model” SALDO and/or specification.

DEP MS4 Permit for TMDL Watersheds: D. LaBrake attended a DEP workshop for watershed groups and relayed that the revised MS4 General Permit is expected to be finalized in early 2016. It will include a requirement that every municipality discharging to an impaired water must put together a plan, with real projects identified and costed out, for reducing their contribution to the cause of impairment by 5%-10% over the 5-yr term of the permit. This would 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 take the lead on this new item to track progress vs. Haverford’s Climate Action Plan and will endeavor to obtain advice from C. McCabe who led the effort to develop that plan.
6. **Haverford Township Day Green Zone (Sat., Oct. 3rd, 2015):** Recap completed in October 2015 meeting A. Dizel will continue to reach out to the principals to discuss whether they want to collaborate on attempting to break the world’s record for recycling shoes/sneakers concurrent with Earth Day instead of HT Day (they backed out at the 11th hour for 2015).
7. **Planning for Earth Day Event.** Discussed venue and program. A. Dizel to determine HMS and HHS want to cooperate and perhaps use their campus as the location or whether to hold it at CREC again. Scope at CREC will be similar to last year but could change if at HMS/HHS.
8. **Contributions to Township and Recreation Newsletters.** P.S. Puglionesi submitted EAC’s write-up on Rain Gardens and other topics and the submittal to HavaGood Times is pending.
9. **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.
10. **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. Voted on the motion to do a 2 year report/presentation “on-schedule” in January. Motion by D. Hartke, seconded by T. Watkins, unanimously approved.
11. **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.
12. **Superfund Site:** Josh Barber of EPA relayed the location of the 5 year assessment report at <http://loggerhead.epa.gov/5yr/search>.
13. **Quadrangle Coordination:** No progress. The Quadrangle Director, Denise Miller, is trying to reschedule a meeting 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.
14. **New Business:** None.