

## Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2016, 7:30 pm

**Attendees:** EAC Members: Terry Watkins - (1 - D'Emilio) - David Schwartz (2 - Oliva) – Michael Schaefer (3 - McCloskey) 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), Nora Schmidt, Volunteer - P. Hickman Township Liaison

#### 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. **Reorganization:** Election of Chair (or Co-Chairs). Motion to reelect prior Co-Chairs Puglionesi and Eichman (Motion: M. D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Schaefer, Unanimous)

3. **EAC Website:** M. Schaefer requested EAC Comments on the web site on the draft "markup" of changes in MS Word by next week. 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.

4. **Recycling:** No progress setting up 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 follow up with L. Gentile indicated that no stickers will be sent out with the recycling calendar despite prior Watkins and Commissioner Hall conversations with L. Gentile indicating that he would send out the recycling stickers in January to every resident per our suggestion. Reasons are currently unknown.

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

Intern: N. Schmidt will email her 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 will gather some design examples for the late January meeting with L. Gentile to discuss putting in rain gardens on West Chester Pike in the vicinity of West Gate Hills and Lawrence Road. Discussed possible methods and obstacles (need for curb cuts, etc.).

Business Sponsorship: No updates (previously, A. Dizel reached out to 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 PSA aired on I-Radio Philly).

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: The fall assessments of residences for potential installations next spring were compiled for selection at an upcoming Hav-a-Rain Garden team meeting.

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

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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. 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. The revised MS4 General Permit is expected to be finalized 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 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).

6. **Assessing Progress in Climate Action Plan Implementation.** No updates. 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.
7. **Haverford Township Day Green Zone (Sat., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015):** No updates. Planning will resume after Earth Day events in April.
8. **Planning for Earth Day Event (Sat. April 23, 2016).** HMS and HHS principals want a plan laid out for them before they commit to holding it on their campus. This is a concern, considering that they backed out of the recycling competition in the month prior to the event at the last minutes. She will make one follow up phone call to Mr. Horan (HMS) to see if we can work out a plan before just planning for events at the CREC as in past years.
9. **Contributions to Township and Recreation Newsletters.** Next deadline is for the Township Newsletter and for Recreation Department’s HavaGood Times is February 2016.
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **Rescheduling EAC Meetings:** New schedule is in effect - 1st Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 at Quatrani Conf Room, EXCEPT: July 5 – location change to CREC; Sept 6 – location change to CREC; Oct 5 – change to Wednesday due to holiday. Will be removed from agenda.
13. **Superfund Site:** No updates. The 5 year assessment report is at <http://loggerhead.epa.gov/5yr/search>.
14. **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.
15. **New Business:** EAC will find out plans for LEED level and whether EAC can get involved in new Township Building and explore whether there can be Solar lighting for the new trail.