

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

The March meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to Order by Chairperson Brenda Gotanda at 6:00 P.M. on April 26, 2012 at the Radnor Township Municipal Building, Radnorshire Room, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Those present were: Brenda Gotanda, Chairperson
 Josh Hilbert, Vice Chairperson
 Daniel Meier
 Sloan Walker
 Skip Kunda, Planning Commission Representative

Those not present were: Stephen Elliot, Robin Mann, Anne Poulin, Kelly Doyle, Parks and Recreation Representative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2012 MINUTES

On motions made and seconded, the minutes of the March 22, 2012 EAC meeting were unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gotanda made the following announcements:

- The Radnor EAC was honored with a Green Award by Main Line Today magazine in April.
- DCNR will present a seminar on native landscaping on May 16, 2012. Information is available at [www. DCNR.state.pa.us](http://www.DCNR.state.pa.us).
- The annual Greenbuild conference of the U.S. Green Building Council will be held in Philadelphia in 2013. Approximately 30,000 are expected to attend. Information about how to get involved will be provided in later meetings and is available on the Delaware Valley Green Building Council website (www.dvgbc.org).
- Radnor Township will provide an opportunity to dispose of pharmaceutical products on April 28, 2012. Information is available on the Radnor Township website.

Mr. Meier made the following announcements:

- On May 17, 2012, the Chester - Ridley - Crum Watersheds Association (CRC Watersheds Assoc.) is sponsoring a program on storm water basin naturalization. On June 14, 2012, CRC is sponsoring a rain garden workshop. For more information, visit <http://crcwatersheds.org/events/>.

RADNOR TRAIL WEED CONTROL - HERBICIDE USE

Ms. Gotanda summarized the EAC's March meeting's discussion regarding herbicide use in the Township. She clarified that the Township currently uses a product called Glyphomate 41, not RoundUp. She read a proposed EAC resolution regarding a recommendation for a Sustainable Parks Policy. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Public Comment:

Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, expressed support of the EAC's resolution on the Sustainable Parks policy, though she noted that she "didn't necessarily agree with all of the whereas's" in the resolution.

ENERGY WORKS PRESENTATION

Tanya Morris, the Community and Outreach Director of Energy Works, a program of the US Department of Energy, gave a presentation about home energy assessments available through Energy Works. The program provides professional home energy assessments by building analysts, which are then paired with certified contractors to make the home improvements recommended by the analysts. A unique aspect of the program is the provision of third party quality control inspectors to ensure that the contractor's work was completed in a satisfactory manner. While the typical cost of a home assessment is \$400, lower rates can be obtained by participating in a partnership program, in which community members can get a reduced rate by signing on to the program as a group. The building analyst will provide a blower door test, check appliances, and will provide a report on recommended improvements that can lead to improved air quality and reduced air leakage. Ms. Morris recommended announcing the program in a Township newsletter or on the Township website.

JOSH HILBERT ENERGY AUDIT UPDATE

Council member Josh Hilbert provided an update regarding his recent home energy audit. The cost of the audit was \$150 through the Energy Works program. Participants are eligible for a \$50 rebate if the recommended improvements are implemented. Within two weeks of the home audit, Josh received a written report. It is possible to obtain low interest loans from the Keystone Help program.

RECYCLING UPDATE

This item was tabled until the next EAC meeting.

DEER MANAGEMENT STUDY

Sergeant Chris Flannigan of the Radnor Township Police and Radnor's Ordinance Enforcement Officer Bill Gallagher gave a presentation on the status of the Township's deer management study. At the beginning of 2012, the Board of Commissioners ("BOC") requested that the police department undertake the study. The department engaged the US Department of Agriculture to conduct the study. The study is ongoing and the department is awaiting the review and analysis of the collected data, which is anticipated in mid-May 2012. The police department is keeping a log of the study process which is available for viewing by the public in the Superintendent's

office. The department is striving to provide a very transparent process and posts updates on the Township's website.

WORKGROUP REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Climate Protection

Mr. Hilbert reported that he and Mr. Walker have met with additional members of the BOC to discuss the GHG Action Plan and have found those discussions "encouraging." They expect to wrap up the discussion by the next EAC meeting. They are presenting the GHG plan as a "living" document, one that can be revised and updated as new information or technologies become available.

Mr. Walker presented information regarding the relative efficiency of using electric vehicles in different states of the US. Information can be obtained at <http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/images/cv/electric-cars-global-warming-emissions-fact-2.jpg>.

B. Sustainability

WaterSense Tip of the Month: Mr. Walker presented information on an Interactive Water Budget Tool available at <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>, which allows a homeowner to calculate their approximate monthly water use. Information was also provided about a drought monitoring website: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/monitor.html>.

C. Stormwater

WREN Grant Application: Mr. Meier reported that the EAC should learn whether or not the Township has been awarded a WREN grant by May 11, 2012. The application requested \$2300 to construct a rain garden on Township property and offer related educational programs.

D. Community Environmental Awareness

No report this month.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Mr. Kunda reported that the Planning Commission workload is "light". A project is proposed for Adelberger's at Conestoga Road and West Wayne Avenue. In June, the Planning Commission will be reviewing revisions to the Township's Shade Tree Ordinance.

B. Board of Health

There was no Board of Health report.

C. Parks and Recreation

There was no Parks and Recreation report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no further public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made and seconded, the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Meier