

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

The May meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to Order by Chairperson Josh Hilbert at 6:00 P.M. on May 23, 2013, at the Radnor Township Municipal Building, Radnorshire Room, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Those present were:     Josh Hilbert, Chairperson  
                              Sloan Walker, Vice Chairperson  
                              Robin Mann  
                              Sally Mattison  
                              Anne Poulin  
                              Daniel Meier  
                              Luke Clark, Parks and Recreation Representative  
                              Skip Kunda, Planning Commission Representative

Those not present were:     Stephen Elliot

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2013 MINUTES**

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the April 25, 2013, EAC meeting were unanimously approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Hilbert made the following announcements:

1. On June 15, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Radnor will sponsor an electronics recycling date (“Anything With A Plug”). All items will be taken without charge except for TVs and CRT monitors, for which there is a \$20 charge. There was discussion related to the event and the introduction of the charge for some items.
2. The Delaware Valley Green Schools Symposium will be held July 23. Information is available at <http://daeeonline.org/2013/05/22/delaware-valley-green-schools-symposium/>.

Ms. Mattison announced that the funding for discounted home energy audits has been extended through September. Information is available at <http://energyworksnow.com/>.

**WORKGROUP REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

A. Radnor Green Team

Mr. Hilbert reported that the Green Team met on Tuesday May 21. The minutes from that meeting were distributed and are attached to these minutes. Those minutes summarize the actions already taken by the individual work groups and the discussion at the Team meeting. Further work group meetings will take place over the summer. There was discussion of the work group projects and related matters.

## B. Sustainability

Mr. Walker reported on the expansion of electric vehicle use and production in the United States. He also noted that electric vehicles could offer 2000 megawatts of electrical storage capacity.

Mr. Walker reported that he has discussed the tax holiday resolution relating to WaterSense and EnergyStar products with some possible partners and with a member of the Pennsylvania legislature.

WaterSense Tip of the Month: Mr. Walker encouraged the idea of a bathroom “mini makeover.” Bathrooms account for about half of all indoor water use, and the installation of WaterSense labeled fixtures could save a family approximately 7000 gallons of water per year.

## **COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/AWARENESS**

Mr. Hilbert announced that the Wayne Elementary School PTO Green Team needs more parents to help with green projects at the school. He encouraged parents at all the Township schools to get involved with their Green Teams.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### A. Planning Commission

Mr. Kunda reported that the Planning Commission voted 8-1 against the Villanova University zoning overlay proposal. They wanted more information.

He further reported that the Commission is considering the BioMed proposal to increase its office space square footage. Brandywine Realty is opposed. There are concerns about the traffic that would be generated by the increased office space.

The Planned Institutional Zoning process has been on hiatus and will recommence shortly.

### B. Board of Health

No report this month.

### C. Parks and Recreation

Mr. Clark reported on a number of events that have occurred recently. The goal is to have an event each month. In addition, they are studying ways to remove the geese from the Willows.

Consideration of Willows development has not moved forward. There are still 3 or 4 proposals under consideration.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Hilbert reported on his appearance before the Valley Township EAC. They may be interested in joining in support of the tax holiday resolution.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Mattison introduced Azrina Abdullah. Ms. Abdullah, who is currently with Petronas in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, has been very active in issues of sustainability. She suggested that as part of our green procurement policy we make sure that products purchased by the Township are not produced in ways that have a negative impact in other countries.

Liesel Schwarz, the new Sustainability Manager at Villanova University, shared some information and expressed an interest in working with the Township on sustainability issues.

Derek Sheehan of Community Energy reported on their many recent and ongoing solar projects and on the state of the solar energy industry. He expressed the company's interest in finding ways to partner with the township.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Poulin

**Resolution in Support of a Tax Holiday for WaterSense and Energy Star Products in Pennsylvania**

Submitted by the Radnor Environmental Advisory Council  
February 2013

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has experienced significant droughts in five of the last seven years;<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, Radnor Township is a Promotional Partner in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense Program, which promotes water efficiency and conservation through public education and water-efficient WaterSense-labeled products and programs;

WHEREAS, citizens of Pennsylvania can significantly reduce their water use by installing faucets and appliances which bear the WaterSense label from the United States Environmental Protection Agency;<sup>2</sup>

WHEREAS, Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping us all save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices;

WHEREAS, Americans saved more than \$23 billion on their utility bills in 2011 with the help of ENERGY STAR and prevented an amount of greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to what 43 million vehicles would produce;<sup>3</sup>

WHEREAS, in 2011, Energy Star helped Americans save more than 277 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh)—about 5 percent of U.S. electricity demand;<sup>4</sup> therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, in order to encourage Pennsylvanians to conserve water and energy, the Radnor Environmental Advisory Council recommends that the General Assembly and Governor of Pennsylvania should declare an annual sales tax holiday for up to one week on all products bearing a WaterSense or Energy Star label.

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<sup>1</sup> PennState College of Agricultural Sciences, Drought and Climate Information, <http://extension.psu.edu/water/drought/faqs>

<sup>2</sup> EPA WaterSense, Indoor Water Use in the United States, <http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/pubs/indoor.html>

<sup>3</sup> Energy Star and Other Climate Protection Partnerships, 2011 Annual Report, Letter from the Administrator, p.1

<sup>4</sup> Id.