

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

The September meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to Order by Chairperson Josh Hilbert at 6:00 P.M. on September 26, 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
 Daniel Meier
 Anne Poulin
 Luke Clark, Parks and Recreation Representative
 Ben Cooper, Radnor Township Expenditure Coordinator

Those not present were: Stephen Elliot
 Skip Kunda, Planning Commission Representative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF JULY 2013 MINUTES

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the July 25, 2013, EAC meeting were unanimously approved. There was no August meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hilbert made the following announcements:

1. The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission just released two reports regarding electric vehicle action plans. They also released the 2010 GHG Inventory Report for the region, which shows that Radnor Township's greenhouse gas emissions from all sources has increased 15% from the 2005 report. Information is available at <http://www.dvrpc.org/>.
2. The report of the winter 2013 deer culling effort in Radnor Township is available on the Township website.
3. A program ("Just Singing in the Rain") concerning how to garden to improve our watershed, its stream and water management will be hosted by the Community Garden Club of Wayne. October 3, 2013
4. Greenbuild 2013 will be held in Philadelphia on November 20-22, 2013, and will feature tours led by sustainability professionals to noteworthy sites in the Philadelphia area. Brenda Gotanda, former EAC Chair, will lead on tour a November 18. Information is available at <http://www.dvgbc.org/greenbuild>.
5. The Chester County Citizens for Climate Protection is holding a program on October 3, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. on sustainability. Information is available at [http://www.ebrandywine.org/Climate%20 Protection Sustainability.pdf](http://www.ebrandywine.org/Climate%20Protection%20Sustainability.pdf).

Ms. Mattison reported that the EPA has a new national stormwater calculator on its website at <http://epa.gov/nrmrl/wswrd/wq/models/swc/>. Mr. Meier reported that there is an upcoming webinar explaining the calculator.

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY ENERGY ON GREEN POWER OPTIONS

Joel Thomas and Derek Sheehan from Community Energy presented information regarding ways in which to purchase green energy. They explained their business, how the green energy industry works, and set out options for Radnor Township to increase its use of green energy. Radnor Township spends approximately \$360,000 per year on electricity. For about \$5600 per year, Radnor could purchase 100% wind energy in the national market; to purchase wind energy in the local market is more expensive. Radnor could also partner with Community Energy to create solar facility if enough Radnor residents agreed to participate. Mr. Cooper reported that the Township is preparing an RFP to determine the feasibility of increasing the Township's use of green energy.

WORKGROUP REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Radnor Green Team

Mr. Hilbert noted that there has been no meeting since July. The next meeting will be in October.

B. Sustainability

Mr. Walker presented a Resolution in Support of Ordinance Establishing a User Fee for Stormwater Collection and Management. After discussion of the ordinance and of the language of the proposed Resolution, the attached Resolution was unanimously approved on motion made and seconded.

C. Open Space

There was no report.

D. Audubon Bird Town

Ms. Poulin reported that Radnor Bird Town is interest in achieving greater visibility in the Township. After discussion and on motion made and seconded, the EAC voted to approve the following motion:

The EAC agrees to partner with Audubon Radnor Bird Town to explore ways to make the habitat around the Township Building more bird-friendly.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

There was no report.

B. Board of Health

There was no report.

C. Parks and Recreation

Mr. Clark reported that the recent events sponsored by the Township have been successful and noted upcoming events. Information is available on the Radnor Township website.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Walker reported that he obtained the name of the company that handles recycling of cell phones and toner cartridges collected at the Tredyffrin Township Building and has shared it with Radnor Township officials.

Mr. Hilbert reported that the Goose Group (Mr. Elliot, Mr. Meier, and Mr. Hilbert) is preparing a presentation for the BOC in October. They anticipate presenting the information for EAC approval at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

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 Ordinance Establishing a User Fee for Stormwater Collection and Management

Whereas, Radnor Township (“Radnor”) has constructed and maintains a system of sewers, drains, basins, inlets, outfalls and other infrastructure to collect and manage stormwater; and

Whereas, the Radnor Environmental Advisory Council (the “EAC”) finds that excess stormwater volume can cause flooding and can threaten public health, safety and the environment through erosion; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania has experienced a 52% percent increase in the frequency of extreme rainstorms and snowstorms from 1948 to 2011;¹ and the amount of precipitation released by the largest annual storms in Pennsylvania increased by 23 percent in the same period;²

Whereas, a variety of improvements to Radnor’s stormwater system, including non-structural efforts is necessary to reduce the extent and frequency of flooding; and

Whereas, a proposed ordinance establishing a user fee dedicated to stormwater management (the “Proposed Stormwater Fee Ordinance”) would call on all Radnor landowners, including non-profit institutions, to contribute to improving our stormwater system;

Now, therefore, the EAC finds that the Proposed Stormwater Fee Ordinance as advertised on September 24, 2013, is a fair and equitable approach to addressing a significant public safety and environmental issue.

¹ PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center, “When It Rains, It Pours”, Summer 2012 at App. 35

² Id at App. 37