

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

The January meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to Order by Chairperson Josh Hilbert at 6:00 P.M. on January 23, 2014 at the Radnor Township Municipal Building, Radnorshire Room, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

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

Those not present were: Stephen Elliot
 Daniel Meier

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013 MINUTES

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the December 3, 2013, EAC meeting were unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EAC MEMBER

Mr. Hilbert introduced new EAC member Matthew Holtman, who then shared some remarks about his background.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014

On motion made and seconded, Josh Hilbert was re-elected as Chair, and Sloan Walker was reelected as Vice-Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hilbert made the following announcements:

1. The Delaware Valley Planning Commission recently honored top regional leaders and programs. Those honored are listed in the newsletter available at <http://www.dvrpc.org/>. Going forward, Radnor residents should consider nominating people and programs for DVPC honors.

2. The Delaware Valley Green Building Council encourages those interested to register for the 2014 Tri-State Sustainability Symposium, which will be held on Friday March 7. Information is available at dvgbc.org.

3. In connection with the ongoing Greenways and Open Space Network Plan development, there is a citizen survey on the Radnor Township website, <http://www.radnor.com/>.

Mr. Walker announced that the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is running Tree Tenders Training on January 25. The Society runs this training periodically. Information is available at <http://phsonline.org/greening/tree-tenders>.

WORKGROUP REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Radnor Green Team

The Radnor Green Team has not met recently. Melissa Conn will schedule the first meeting of 2014 shortly. It was noted that a number of LED light bulbs have been used to replace less energy efficient bulbs in the Township Building.

B. Sustainability

The stormwater bills have gone out to Township residents.

C. Open Space

Ms. Poulin reported that as part of the Greenways and Open Space Networks planning process, the consultant, Simone Collins, will hold a series of meetings. The first public meeting was held on January 15. Three additional public meetings will be held (on April 14, June 3, and September 9). In addition, they will hold three focus group meetings, each of which will be held at the Township Building from 8-9:30 am. The first focus group session is for conservancies, trusts, and home owner associations and will be held on February 5. The second is for schools and institutions and will be held on February 26. The third is for businesses and office parks and will be held on March 5.

D. Audubon Bird Town

Ms. Poulin reminded everyone that the Great Backyard Bird Count will be held on February 14-17. An informational event featuring Steven Saffier from Pennsylvania Audubon will be held at 10 am on February 1 at the Radnor Memorial Library. More information about the event and the bird count is available at <http://radnorbirdtown.org/>. Radnor Bird Town encourages everyone to participate.

Ms. Poulin also reported that she met again with Township personnel to discuss the plan for improving aspects of the habitat at the Township Building. She will be pulling together a group to prepare a WREN grant.

E. Goose Group

Mr. Hilbert reported on the Goose Group presentation to the BOC. He noted that this group will now be disbanded.

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/AWARENESS

There has been a lull over the holidays, but the schools will now be gearing up for Earth Day.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Mr. Kunda reported on the Planning Commission's consideration of an ordinance providing for Mixed-Use Special Transportation Development Use within the PLO – Planned Laboratory–Office District. The proposal would contain a number of environmentally friendly provisions.

B. Board of Health

There was no report.

C. Parks and Recreation Board

Mr. Clark reported on upcoming events. He also listed the issues on the Board's agenda for 2014: cell tower placement in parks, plans for the Willows, changes to some of the parks, development of trails for Ardrossan, and an organic parks policy. He also reported that each member of the Board will assume responsibility for monitoring several parks. A discussion about the need to improve the Fenimore Woods pond followed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Walker reported on his exploration of steps to improve Radnor's tree canopy. He shared information about the steps being taken in neighboring townships. He discussed the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society tree planting program. Further, he suggested that it would be helpful to develop a corps of 8-10 tree tenders to help township efforts. This issue will be discussed further at the next 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