

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

The July meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to Order by Josh Hilbert at 6:00 P.M. on July 24, 2014 at the Radnor Township Municipal Building, Radnorshire Room, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Those present were:

Josh Hilbert, Chairperson  
Sloan Walker, Vice Chairperson  
Skip Kunda, Planning Commission Representative  
Sally Mattison  
Anne Poulin  
Luke Clark, Parks and Recreation Representative  
Matthew Holtman

Those not present were:

Stephen Elliot  
Daniel Meier

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hilbert called the group to order.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2014 MINUTES**

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the June 26, 2014 EAC meeting were unanimously approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Hilbert made the following announcements.

**Pennsylvania Horticultural Society:** Help plant and care for trees in your region, your community, or your yard. Become a PHS Tree Tender! The PHS Tree Tenders® program offers hands-on tree care training for residents of the five-county Philadelphia region. The 9-hour training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and pruning, and working within your community. October 2, 9 and 16 – 6:00 -9:00 PM. [www.pennhort.net/treetenders](http://www.pennhort.net/treetenders)

**DVGBC:** 2014 Groundbreaker Awards - On September 18th at the Suzanne Roberts Theatre, DVGBC is honoring those groundbreaking people, organizations, and projects that are moving markets and influencing others to do the same around the corner or around the world. Show us what leadership looks like, and how your project is advancing our mission and driving us toward our vision of sustainable communities for all. Deadline for nominations is August 8th, 2014.

## **WORKGROUP REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

### **A. Radnor Green Team**

At last month's meeting it was decided to focus on the green power purchasing program. The group talked to several outside groups, including the Fire Company, to try to get others to join the RFP to make it more attractive to bidders. Wayne Art Center is next. Mr. Walker spoke with the Radnor School District, who are contracted through next year, but are interested in participating to find out what the options are. He also reached out to Main Line School Night and Haverford Township. Ms. Mattison contacted Lower Merion Township, which purchases power through the Pennsylvania Municipal League. They are contracted through 2015. She also spoke with the Library and is hoping to get information on their current account, including the number of kilowatt hours they purchase per year. She also spoke with the Senior Center. They recently switched power providers and got a better rate. They might be receptive to being included in a nonbinding RFP. It was suggested that someone on the Radnor Township staff look into the PA Municipal League. The EAC can offer to do some research. The RFP needs to be structured to provide appropriate flexibility in case some groups drop out.

There was also a discussion about green vehicles. We are working toward integrating green vehicle purchases as a part of the overall sustainable procurement policy and identifying where along the decision process environmental impact should be explicitly considered.

Ms. Mattison gave an update on the library. EAC members compiled a list of suggestions for sustainability that the Library could consider in its renovation project. Among them is the suggestion to continue considering one of the several possible types of LEED certification, along with related alternatives (such as Energy Star), that might not be cost prohibitive. After some discussion, the EAC agreed that it was premature to present specific recommendations about the library renovation at this time but that Ms. Mattison should convey to the Executive Director of the library (Kathy Mulroy) the EAC's interest in being involved when the time is right.

### **B. Sustainability**

No updates were given.

### **C. Open Space**

Ms. Poulin noted that members of the EAC are currently interviewing key stakeholders in the Township to comment on the draft proposal with an eye toward submitting the proposal in September.

### **D. Audubon Radnor Bird Town**

There is a bird-focused series of movies at the library. Dates are on the website.

The WREN grant paperwork is being signed and returned. We are still working with the Township to pin down the location of the garden. Ms. Poulin was told that another rain garden is

also being planned for the playground on the other side of the Township property. All the projects will be presented June 9-10, 2015 at Dickinson College.

Mr. Hilbert suggested having someone do an evaluation of the Cowan Park rain garden to assess whether it has developed and matured as anticipated. It may be advantageous for one or more EAC members to sign on as site stewards to water, mow and maintain the sites.

### **COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/AWARENESS**

No updates were given.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Mr. Clark announced that there will be a presentation in September of the Board of Commissioners' recommendations on the proposed cell towers. A statement of considerations has been prepared for the carriers detailing expected benefits and potential negative impacts. The public is welcome.

The Willows lease proposal was presented to the Board but tabled while some technical issues are resolved.

The fishing line issue was discussed with the Parks, who cleaned it up and added some disposal receptacles at Fenimore Woods and the Willows.

A Veterans' Park neighbors meeting is coming up to go over the plans; then fundraising will start.

The revamp of Clem Macrone Park is also going forward.

Parks Board members will all visit all the parks to make sure they're in good shape at the end of August.

Mr. Kunda discussed the new Septa parking lot extension at Villanova and Cabrini. Preliminary permission was granted to expand the Dixon Athletic Center. They are putting in some new curbs to improve water retention. The meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> was dedicated to Ardrossen. Preliminary approval was given to their use plan. This coming Wednesday 7/30 the Villanova conditional use plan will be reviewed.

Ms. Mattison raised the question of the Stormwater ordinance and asked whether EAC can weigh in. It hasn't been fully reviewed yet.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Holtman