

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

The August meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to Order by Chairperson Josh Hilbert at 6:00 P.M. on August 28, 2014, at the Radnor Township Municipal Building, Radnorshire Room, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Those present were: Josh Hilbert, Chairperson
 Sloan Walker, Vice Chairperson
 Stephen Elliot
 Sally Mattison
 Daniel Meier
 Anne Poulin
 Skip Kunda, Planning Commission Representative

Those not present were: Luke Clark, Parks and Recreation Representative
 Matt Holtman

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF JULY 2014 MINUTES

Deferred; to be approved by circulation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hilbert made the following announcements:

1. National Drive Electric Week Event will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2014, at Tesla Motors Sales and Service Center, 470 East Lancaster Avenue, Devon. It is billed as the largest electric vehicle and sustainable living education event in the region. It will include cars, motorcycles, bicycles from BMW, Porsche, McLaren, Fisker, Tesla, Ford, GM, Toyota, Mitsubishi, Brammo. and others. Register at www.driveelectricweek.org.
2. Chester County Citizens for Climate Protection are sponsoring an event focused on the EPA's Role in the President's Climate Action Plan. It will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at 7:00 PM at the West Chester, PA Borough Hall, 401 East Gay Street, Room 240. Megan Goold, the Climate Change Coordinator for EPA Region 3 will speak.
3. The Clean Air Council's Greenfest Philly, the region's largest environmental festival, will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2014, 10am – 4pm at Headhouse Square in Philadelphia. Information is available at <http://www.greenfestphilly.org/>.

WORKGROUP REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- A. Radnor Green Team

The next Green Team meeting will be on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at 8:15. It will be possible to attend by phone.

Electric purchasing RFP: Mr. Elliot had circulated a draft of the RFP. There was discussion of the draft as well as the process and possible alternative avenues for purchasing green energy.

Lighting retrofit: Ms. Mattison reported that they are pursuing a proposal to retrofit part of the Municipal Building in time to include it in the upcoming budget discussion.

Commissioner Nagle, who attended the meeting, reported that Radnor is gradually replacing street lights with LED lighting. LED lights have two brightness settings, so the brightness can be reduced in residential areas. Commissioner Nagle also reported that manufacturers are having difficulty keeping up with demand for the replacement LED units.

B. Sustainability

C. Greenways and Open Space

Ms. Poulin reported that the Consultant to the Greenways and Open Space Committee will hold a public meeting on September 9, at 7 pm at the Municipal Building to present the final plan. They anticipate incorporating any responses necessitated by further public comment and presenting a final plan to the Board of Commissioners for adoption on September 22, 2014.

Ms. Poulin further reported that the Valley Forge to Heinz Refuge Steering Committee will be holding two Planning Workshops in September, 2014. These public workshops will focus on the proposed trail sections between (1) Radnor and Villanova, and (2) between Karakong Park and Cobbs Creek Park. The West Workshop will be held Thursday, September 4, 2014, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the Radnor Township Municipal Building.

D. Audubon Bird Town

Ms. Poulin reported that the summer movie series at the Memorial Library of Radnor Township was a great success. The first fall meeting of the Bird Town group will be Saturday September 13. She further reported that Diana Mizer has been monitoring the Bird Habitats at Wayne and Ithan Elementary Schools. She reports that the Ithan habitat is badly overgrown and is seeking volunteers. Those interested should contact the Ithan PTO.

The site for the WREN rain garden has been designated. A schedule for the construction and the workshop will be forthcoming.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Mr. Kunda reported that the August meeting was cancelled.

B. Board of Health

There was no report.

C. Parks and Recreation

There was no report

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Meier reported that the Cowan Park rain garden has grown well and looks good. Best management practice would be to leave the garden as is for the winter, to provide habitat, and to mow it in the spring. Mr. Meier will discuss the plan with Mr. Norcini.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hilbert had circulated before the meeting a proposal from ENERNOC setting out fees for providing a level 2 energy audit and services for reducing energy consumption. Mr. Zienkowski had asked the EAC to review the proposal. Concerns were discussed. EAC members agreed that there are threshold questions to address before soliciting bids for such services. It appeared that this bid was unsolicited. The EAC has identified recommissioning as an item in the GHG Plan, but supports pursuing that goal by issuing a request for information and proceeding through an orderly process to determine which services would benefit the Township and obtaining bids for those services.

Mr. Walker reported that the Radnor Conservancy has asked if there could be an online site with consolidated information about recycling in Radnor Township. The information is on the Public Works page, but perhaps needs to be made more accessible.

Ms. Mattison announced that the Municipal League has introduced a new Sustainable PA Community Certification that recognizes municipal sustainability efforts. Radnor may want to consider getting involved. Information is available at http://www.pamunicipalleague.org/vertical/sites/%7B816DF97F-59D7-4E12-B207-1434C6304092%7D/uploads/Sustainable_PA_news_release.pdf and <http://www.sustainablepacommunitycertification.org/>.

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