

RADNOR TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 7/29/2021 Meeting

A meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held at 7:00 pm on July 29, 2021 via “Zoom” online.

Those present were:

Donnelle Jageman
Sara Pilling
Sid Singh
Margaret Reinhart

Discussion

An update on zero waste management was given by Margaret based on a webinar by Alex Danovitch’s “Nothing left to waste”. Sara said that Narberth and West Chester have plastic bag bans and Media has a composting program through Mother Compost and Linvilla Orchards.

Margaret gave an update on the pesticide report that had been submitted to the township. She also spoke with David Simmons of the Board of Health; EAC and Board of Health will work together in the future. Marie Carbonara said that there is currently no spraying in Radnor Township, nor is any planned.

Update on the proposed sustainability office: The memo to the township staff was shown. The memo introduces the subject and briefly describes it. The plan is to send the memo and description to Ben Cooper to forward the documents. Sid suggested to identify other municipalities that have this office. Donnelle said Lower Merion is one example. Sara suggested this be submitted before the September BOC budget meetings. Regarding the job description, a few items that were added after the first draft included more details on the aspect of the grant writers. The grant writer was originally suggested by Bill White, and Steve Norcini, according to Sara. The suggested salary range was discussed; Donnelle said our suggested range was based on Lower Merion.

Plans on revisiting the plastic bag ban were suggested. Margie will contact Matt (former EAC chair) regarding the ordinance that had been previously proposed before the Pennsylvania ban on plastic bag bans.

Regarding the plans for our table at the Wayne Festival: we are currently sharing a table with the Green Team. (The relationship between the Green Team and EAC. Sara said that the Green Team is now a subcommittee of the EAC. Sara said that the Green Team doesn’t necessarily want to be part of the EAC). Donnelle suggested that the Green Team and EAC should collaborate more. Plans on fliers were discussed. The suggestion was yard management,

pesticide and recycling fliers. Ray said he would have a raffle basket. Donnelle said she would work with Ray on the basket. Ray suggested that we could have some petitions available as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Reinhart