**Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council Annual Report 2022**

1. **Introduction**

The Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (“EAC”) provides leadership and guidance on environmental and sustainability matters to Radnor Township staff, Board of Commissioners, and community members. In addition, the EAC serves an important role in providing local community environmental education through regular programming at its monthly televised meetings and through special programs and events such as the Sustainability Series. The EAC’s proactive approach to preserving and enhancing the environment in Radnor Township aligns with Radnor’s motto of “making a great place even better” and is reflected in its many sustainability initiatives. The EAC’s approach to enhancing sustainability and preserving the environment is to demonstrate leadership at the municipal level and to inspire action at the individual level.

The Radnor EAC consists of seven at large voting members and up to four liaison members. The members at the beginning of 2022 were: Margaret Reinhart, Chairperson; Ray Adams; Lisa Halowell; Donnelle Jageman; Sarah Pilling; Sid Singh. During the year, Sid Singh and Sarah Pilling stepped down, and Dan Burnham and Eugenia Warnock replaced them. Dan Burnham is also the Green Team representative. Melissa Conn is the Administrative Liaison and Commissioner Moira Mulroney is the BOC liaison. The Student Ambassador is Gerry Atkinson.

1. **Activities of the EAC in 2022**
	1. Presentations at the EAC meetings
* Gretchen Groebel, Radnor Conservancy Executive Director spoke about the Radnor Conservancy’s efforts and their collaboration with Birdtown Pennsylvania. She also spoke of the benefits of collaboration with the EAC.
* Robin Mann, a representative of the Radnor Green Team spoke on the PACleanEnergy.com initiative. This website is a repository for Green Team initiatives and to educate and facilitate the “Ready for 100” resolution.
* Cate Ciminero, a student at Radnor Township High School gave a presentation on the benefits of composting, and proposed that Radnor Township initiating a food composting program.
* Roberta Winters, representing the Radnor League of Women Voters, gave a presentation on the LWV’s Climate Emergency Resolution, and proposed that Radnor also adopt the terminology climate emergency.
* Phil Witmer gave a presentation on the history and current status Birdtown PA and asked that Radnor reaffirm their status as a Birdtown.
* Dan Burnham off the Radnor Green Team gave a presentation on the necessity of the Radnor Township buildings.
	1. Community Education and Outreach
* The EAC became a participating member of the Watershed Partners Team, a Darby-Cobbs Creek research project of Drexel University. Margaret Reinhart is the representative.
* The EAC had a table in the Annual Willow’s Health and Wellness Fair where educational literature was passed out and signatures supporting the plastic bag ordinance were solicited.
* The EAC had a table a the annual Wayne Fall Festival where educational literature was passed out and EAC members spoke with residents. There was also a representative of PECO at the table.
	1. Ordinances and Resolutions

The following activities to place with regards to the Single Use Plastic Bag Ban:

* Changes were made to the language.
* The solicitor approved the ordinance as it was currently presented.
* Public meetings were held on March 24, April 28, and May 26, 2022.
* A first presentation of the ordinance was made at the July 28, 2022 BOC meeting, where they approved moving the ordinance forward for a vote
* A second presentation to the BOC was then made in August where the BOC approved the Single Use Plastic Bag Ban for Radnor Township
* Information was sent to all businesses, a web page was established, and a round table discussion with Molly Gallagher was held to disseminate the information about the newly adopted ordinance.
* Signs are to be displayed by all retail establishments beginning in September, and the ordinance is to take effect on March 15, 2023.

A resolution proposed by Birdtown PA to reaffirm that Radnor is a Birdtown was approved by the BOC

* 1. Other activities
* Gerry Atkinson, a senior at Radnor High, was named the student ambassador.
* A survey was launched to determine what environmental topics are important to our Radnor residents.

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