RADNOR TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

The January meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to Order by Chairperson Brenda Gotanda at 6:00 P.M. on January 26, 2012 at the Radnor Township Municipal Building, Radnorshire Room, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Those present were: Brenda Gotanda, Chairperson

Josh Hilbert, Vice Chairperson

Stephen Elliot Robin Mann Anne Poulin Sloan Walker

Skip Kunda, Planning Commission Representative

Those not present were: Daniel Meier

Kelly Doyle, Board of Health Representative

Parks and Recreation Representative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jay Carlis, Vice President of Community Energy, presented a special Certificate of Recognition for Environmental Stewardship to the Wayne Presbyterian Church recognizing the Church's support of Wayne's first charging station for electric vehicles.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On motions made and seconded, Brenda Gotanda was elected for an additional term as Chair and Josh Hilbert was elected Vice-Chair, each by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2011 MINUTES

On motions made and seconded, the minutes of the November-December 2011 EAC meetings were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF EAC ANNUAL REPORT

On a motion made and seconded, the Annual Report, a draft of which had been circulated, was approved. The report will be posted on the Radnor Township website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gotanda reminded everyone that the January meeting will be an abbreviated meeting followed by the next program in the Sustainability Series. The program - Electric Cars & Their Infrastructure: How's This All Going To Work? - is co-hosted by the EAC, The Radnor Conservancy, and the Radnor League of Women Voters. The speakers scheduled to present are Jay Carlis of Community Energy, representatives of Thomas Chevrolet, Brad A. Molotsky of Brandywine Realty Trust, and Scott Baker of PJM Interconnection. In addition, a Chevy Volt will be available for test rides beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Ms. Gotanda made the following announcements:

- A group has been assembled to address concerns about the use of the herbicide Roundup along the Radnor Trail, an issue which was the subject of public comment at the last EAC meeting. Josh Hilbert will participate in the group as the EAC representative.
- John Fischer of the Radnor Conservancy is still hoping to identify someone to lead the Audubon Bird Town Program for Radnor Township. A suggestion was made to post a description of the "Big Bird" role on the Township website and solicit potentially interested individuals.
- The Pennsylvania Environmental Council will hold its annual EAC conference on March 3, 2012. Information on the event is available at http://www.pecpa.org/eac2012. Mr. Elliot will attend to represent the Radnor EAC.
- The GHG Action Plan approved by the EAC was circulated to members of the Township staff in December for review and comment. The Township staff responded by noting that, if the Board of Commissioners adopts the plan, the BOC should also provide to the Township Manager a specific listing of approved measures and deadlines for implementation in order to permit the Township Manager to assess the projected cost in dollars and staff time. The dollar amounts currently in the Action Plan are estimates included by the EAC and have not been verified by the Finance Department. On a motion made and seconded, the EAC voted to send the GHG Action Plan to the Board of Commissioners with the comments from the Township staff. There was discussion concerning the timetable once the Plan is referred to the BOC and the possibility of a continuing EAC role as the process moves forward. The EAC expressed appreciation to Mr. Hilbert for his outstanding work on this project.
- Ms. Mann reported on the meeting addressing "Storm Water Quality Management" that was held January 18th at the Township building. Chagrin Valley Engineering, who prepared the "Comprehensive Stormwater Management Study of Radnor Township, Pennsylvania", made a presentation outlining ways in which the Township could be more proactive in efforts to address stormwater issues. There was also a presentation by AMEC Engineering, who had done work previously with the Township on funding issues relative to Stormwater Management, discuss their past work as well as possible funding options for stormwater projects. The BOC approved the AMEC proposal to guide the

stormwater work. The EAC will revisit this topic at the February meeting. Ms. Mann noted that the Darby Watershed assessment that is currently ongoing may be completed by the next EAC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted, Anne Poulin