

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

The July meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to Order by Chairperson Brenda Gotanda at 6:00 P.M. on August 23, 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
 Daniel Meier
 Anne Poulin
 Skip Kunda, Planning Commission Representative

Those not present were: Sloan Walker
 Kelly Doyle, Board of Health Representative
 Chris Campbell, Parks and Recreation Representative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF JULY 2012 MINUTES

On motions made and seconded, the minutes of the July 26, 2012, EAC meeting were unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gotanda made the following announcements:

1. Two Household Hazardous Waste Events will be held in Delaware County this fall:
 - Thursday, September 13, 2012, at Rose Tree Park, 1521 N. Providence Road, Media
 - Saturday, October 13, 2012, at the Upper Chichester Township Municipal Building, 8500 Furey Road, Upper ChichesterComputers, portable TVs and small electronics (excluding items containing Freon) will also be collected at the two events. For further information, visit <http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html>

2. The Delaware Valley Green Building Council will hold its annual celebration on September 27 at the Barnes Foundation, a LEED Platinum building. All are encouraged to attend. The celebration will launch preparations for the annual Greenbuild conference of the U.S. Green Building Council, which will be held in Philadelphia in 2013. For more information about the September event and about how to get involved in the 2013 conference/expo, visit <http://www.dvgbc.org/>.

3. On Sept. 29, 2012, the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council will host the first ever Green Apple Day of Service to promote the greening of schools across the nation and around the world. They are looking for advocates to help organize local events on this day of service in support of healthy, sustainable schools. You can obtain more information, find project ideas, or register a project by visiting the Green Apple Day website at mygreenapple.org.

Ms. Mann announced that the Darby Creek Valley Association will hold its annual canoe ramble on Saturday, September 15, 2012, rain or shine. The event starts at 2:30 PM at the Cusano Environmental Education Center and travels through the Heinz Refuge to the Morton Mortonson House. More details are available at www.dcvva.org.

WORKGROUP REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Climate Protection

Mr. Hilbert reported that on Monday the BOC approved the resolution presented by the EAC acknowledging the proposed GHG Action Plan and approving the formation of a Green Team, to be headed by Melissa Conn. The EAC plans to work with the Green Team to support its efforts.

B. Sustainability

1. WaterSense Tip of the Month

Mr. Elliot reported that the benefit of using bathroom fixtures with the WaterSense label is substantial. If 1 in 10 households used WaterSense fixtures, we could save 74 billion gallons of water and \$1.6 billion in utility bills per year. An individual household that switches to WaterSense bathroom fixtures can expect annual savings of 7000 gallons of water (enough for six months of laundry), 200 kilowatt hours of electricity (enough to run a refrigerator for two months), and \$80 per month on the utility bill. These affordable fixtures can pay for themselves in as little as two years. For information on WaterSense fixtures and more tips on water conservation, visit <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>

2. Rain Garden

Ms. Gotanda reported that the kickoff meeting to start the process of implementing the Garrett Hill stormwater initiatives funded by the WREN grant, which include a rain garden and public education, will be held on September 30, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the Radnorshire Room in the Radnor Township municipal building. The rain garden installation is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2012 at Clem Macrone Park. Contact Sara Pilling for additional information.

Mr. Meier reported on the rain garden that the Township is constructing in Cowan Park. The area has been excavated, and Mr. Meier will be speaking with Steve Norcini to help identify the appropriate plants, with a goal of getting the garden completed this fall.

C. Planning Committee/Institutional Zoning

Mr. Kunda reported that the next meeting of the Planning Commission to consider revision of the Institutional Zoning Ordinance will be held on September 6, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Radnor

Municipal Building. He will circulate preliminary materials as soon as he receives them. He noted that meetings on this matter may continue into December.

D. Open Space Committee

Ms. Poulin reported on the work of the Greenways and Open Space Network Plan Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is preparing a scope of work under the DCNR grant for the Township Open Space Plan. When that is complete, the Township will issue an RFP to retain a consultant for the development of the Open Space Plan.

Ms. Poulin further reported that Township Manager Robert A. Zienkowski attended the August meeting of the Subcommittee to address some areas of concern. First, a question was raised concerning the Township's current plans to sell off part of the Willows property. Mr. Zienkowski emphasized that only the mansion and the cottage and a small amount of land accompanying them are for sale and that the rest of the Willows property will be retained as open space by the Township. He discussed possible uses for those buildings and explained that the Township will consider all reasonable offers.

Second, addressing the broad question of Township open space, Mr. Zienkowski explained that Cresa has been retained by the Township to identify all the properties currently owned by the Township. Current records are not accurate. He also stated that Cresa may recommend that the Township sell some properties, focusing on buildings and on pieces of land that are not able to be developed. He also discussed the importance of using available land to help control storm water.

C. Community Environmental Awareness

Mr. Hilbert reported on interest in the Radnor Schools in participating in the Green Apple Day described above. He emphasized the need for parent involvement in the elementary school Green Teams.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Mr. Kunda reported that the Planning Commission has received a proposal to develop 875,000 SF of office space in a new three-building complex off King of Prussia Road near the R. 100 Station. The proposal was presented to the Commission at the end of its last meeting and will be discussed at future meetings.

Mr. Kunda also reported on efforts to extend the R. 100 light rail line to the King of Prussia Mall. SEPTA is conducting a study that should be completed in late 2013. In this context, Mr. Kunda discussed an old study about creating a connection center to link the Radnor R. 100 station with the Radnor Regional Rail station.

Mr. Kunda also reported that Upper Merion Township has installed four charging stations for electric vehicles at its township building. Upper Merion does not yet own any electric vehicles. Ms. Gotanda reminded everyone that there is also a charging station in Wayne, located in the parking lot on North Wayne Avenue. In addition, there is a charging station near the Radnor train station on King of Prussia Road.

B. Board of Health

No report this month.

C. Parks and Recreation

No report this month.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Elliot raised a question about the problems some Township residents are experiencing with the mosquito population this summer, asking whether Township action was contemplated. Discussion followed. As of the meeting, no schedule for spraying in the Township had been announced. {Note: Subsequent to this EAC meeting, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection announced that it would conduct an Ultra Low Volume (ULV) mosquito adulticide spray in portions of Radnor and Newtown Townships on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 in the evening. Residential and recreational areas within this treatment area are to be sprayed to control adult mosquitoes.} Mr. Meier offered to organize an educational session on encouraging development of the bat population. Information about bat conservation can be found at the Bat Conservation International website, <http://www.batcon.org/>.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no further 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