

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

The January meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to Order by Vice Chairperson Josh Hilbert at 6:00 P.M. on January 24, 2013, at the Radnor Township Municipal Building, Radnorshire Room, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Those present were: Josh Hilbert, Vice Chairperson
 Robin Mann
 Sally Mattison
 Daniel Meier
 Anne Poulin
 Sloan Walker
 Skip Kunda, Planning Commission Representative
 Chris Campbell, Parks and Recreation Representative

Those not present were: Stephen Elliot
 Kelly Doyle, Board of Health Representative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EAC MEMBER SALLY MATTISON

Mr. Hilbert welcomed Ms. Mattison to the EAC and invited her to introduce herself. She detailed her long-standing interest in environmental matters.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On motions made and seconded, Josh Hilbert was elected Chairperson and Sloan Walker was elected Vice Chairperson, each by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2012 MINUTES

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the October 25, 2012, EAC meeting were unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hilbert made the following announcements:

1. Radnor Township is hosting an electronics collection event on February 9, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Willows Park at 490 Darby Paoli Road, Villanova. The Public Works page at http://www.radnor.com/egov/apps/events/calendar.egov?path=03&search_timeframe=180&yr=2013&mo=2&dy=9&id=21071&search_timeframe=180&yr=2013&mo=2&dy=9 lists the types of items that will be accepted at this event.

2. The 8th Annual Delaware County Environmental Summit will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The feature topic will be "Emerging Toxins." The Summit will be held at the Cusano Environmental Education Center in the John Heinz Wildlife Refuge, 8601 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia. Topics will include pesticides in our waterways, and pharmaceuticals and endocrine disruptors. Registration is free. To register, go to <http://delcoenvironmental.tripod.com>.
3. The environmental law firm Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP and their partners, Wawa and NBC10, are sponsoring the 2013 Environmental Community Service Award. Two schools will each be awarded a \$5,000 honorarium to enhance environmental programs. The sponsors are looking for school classes, clubs or teams (6th to 12th grade students) that currently have a worthwhile environmental community service school project, demonstrating a connection to their community. The application may be found at www.mgkflaw.com and must be completed by Monday March 4, 2013.
4. The Environmental Youth Leadership Conference, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators (PAEE), will be held at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC), on March 15-16, 2013. Middle and high school students will attend workshops and present a poster session at the PAEE conference and participate in PEEC-led activities. For more info, visit <http://www.paee.net/2013%20Conference/index.html>
5. The 2013 PA/NJ Sustainability Symposium will be held on March 12th, 2013 at Temple University. The symposium will be attended by industry, university and community leaders and will focus on a range of green issues. For more information, visit: <http://www.dvgbc.org/education/view/pa-nj-sustainability-symposium-2013>.

Mr. Walker announced that two new Pennsylvania wind farms have recently gone on line: Twin Ridges in Somerset County and a BP facility in Wyoming County. Pennsylvania's wind energy capacity is now 1.2 gigawatts, enough to power 300,000 homes each year.

Ms. Mattison announced that the DEP is extending the alternative fuel vehicle rebate program. Rebate applications and updated guidelines are available on DEP's website at www.dep.state.pa.us. Discussion followed.

Ms. Mann announced that the annual meeting of the Darby Creek Valley Association will be held Saturday, January 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Information is available at <http://www.dcva.org/>.

Mr. Meier announced that the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watershed Association has four events coming up:

- On March 10, they will hold a program on Restoring Habitat, Landscape Structure, Health;
- On April 7, the spring meeting will feature Walt Cressler "Flow of History through CRC's Watersheds";
- On April 20, the 8th Annual Chester Creek Cleanup will be held;
- On May 4, they will sponsor the 16th Annual CRC Streams Cleanup.

For more information, visit <http://crcwatersheds.org/>.

WORKGROUP REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Radnor Green Team

The Radnor Green Team is scheduled to meet on January 31 at 2:00 p.m. to see a presentation on sustainability as it relates to public policy. EAC members are invited to attend. Ms. Mann offered to convey to the Green Team a webinar on “Going Local: Energy Efficiency Policies for Local Governments & Municipal Utilities” offered by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy and supported by the Sierra Club.

B. Sustainability

1. WaterSense Resolution

Mr. Walker reported on the status of the EAC resolution recommending that Pennsylvania offer an annual sales tax holiday for those who purchase WaterSense fixtures and appliances. He has contacted the Radnor Conservancy, which will consider supporting the resolution. He also contacted the Pennsylvania Environmental Council to discuss how best to seek support from other EACs.

2. WaterSense Tip of the Month

Mr. Walker reported that using WaterSense labeled faucets and faucet accessories can reduce household water use by 500 gallons annually.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Mr. Kunda reported that the Planning Commission by a divided vote referred to the Board of Commissioners a proposed ordinance to promote development of open space. The proposed ordinance would require commercial or residential developers to either donate open space to the Township or pay a fee in lieu. The BOC will be discussing the proposed ordinance on February 11. Mr. Kunda also reported that the Planned Institutional Zoning process is continuing and is currently focused on regulations related to the height of buildings. Villanova University will appear before the Planning Commission on the first Monday in February.

B. Board of Health

No report this month.

C. Parks and Recreation

Mr. Campbell reported that the Parks and Recreation Board discussed the proposals for the Willows at the January 10 meeting. The Board recommended four of the proposals to the BOC. The Board also approved a fee schedule for the use of property such as athletic fields owned by the Township.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Mann reported that the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission is still pulling together 2010 greenhouse gas data for the region. The data is more nuanced than that available at the last GHG inventory, which focused on data from 2005. Once completed, the DVRPC document should be helpful for planning purposes and useful to Radnor for our next GHG inventory.

Mr. Meier raised two issues:

- He is recommencing work with the Township to complete the rain garden in Cowan Park. He has identified a number of groups that may be willing to help with the planting.
- WREN grants are due in March. Mr. Meier will explore the question of whether we should again seek funding for a rain garden at the Township Building, given that Garrett Hill has installed a WREN-sponsored rain garden and offered public education on the topic, or whether we should identify a new project. He suggested the possibility of a project that would address environmental improvements for detention basins in the Township. Discussion suggests strong support for this idea.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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