

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

The June 2018 meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to order by Matthew Holtman at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday June 28th at the Radnor Township Municipal Building, Polly Room, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Those present were:

Matthew Holtman, Chairperson
Ron Katzman
Andrew Kalan
Skip Kunda

Those not present were:

Jim Quinn
Colleen Price
Daniel Meier

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Holtman called the group to order.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May 2018 EAC meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Holtman discussed an upcoming bat box building event run by the Radnor conservancy on the morning of August 25.
- 6/30 Meadow Brook Run volunteer 9a-noon, to create upland & wetland meadows for pollinators.

RECOGNITION OF EAC INTERNS

- Mr. Holtman read the names of the Radnor High School interns who participated in the Stream Science program and thanked them for their contributions.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Holtman discussed the Driving PA Forward program, which provides funding from the Volkswagen litigation to upgrade the engines of existing diesel vehicles to cleaner technology. He communicated with with Steve McNelis, Director of Public works, to explore whether there might be interested in pursuing funding to upgrade Radnor vehicles. The requirements for participation are somewhat

technical, and it isn't immediately clear how relevant the program is to Radnor Township's vehicle fleet. However, the group noted that it might also be applicable to the School District. Mr. Holtman will disseminate a copy of the report to the group.

WORKGROUP REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Sustainable Parks workgroup

- There was no update.

Sustainable PA Certification

- Mr. Katzman has reviewed the scores on the items completed so far by the EAC members and has calculated a total of 82 points. This would qualify us for Silver certification. He will communicate with Jennifer DiStefano and ask for a meeting with appropriate Township staff to validate the information we gathered and determine how to move forward with completing the application.

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/AWARENESS

- Mr. Holtman reported that he spoke with Tammy Cohen, Director of Parks and Recreation, about the possibility of continuing elements of the Stream Science program during summer camp.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Mr. Kunda mentioned that the Planning Commission is still analyzing parking requirements for medical and dental offices in connection with the Penn development. The development will be discussed again at the July 17 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Katzman noted that the Stoneleigh issue seems to be somewhat resolved, with Lower Merion seeking a different location, and the state legislature bill passed requiring a judge's review before a school board can claim eminent domain. However LM still hasn't fully taken claiming Stoneleigh for use as a Sports complex, so we'll continue to monitor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sara Pilling spoke on the following topics:

- The Sierra Club ready for 100 program. The next meeting for Delco is Fri 7/13 7:30-9:00pm in Swarthmore; 9 communities are involved with Haverford taking a leading position.
- The Willows Park Preserve received a gift from Bartlett Trees to plant 200 trees. This will allow the Willows to become certified as a level 1 Arboretum.

- At Little Darby Creek, there is a plan to plant 50 ft of trees to help buffer runoff, in part to protect the American Eel, which has been observed in the creek and is a threatened species.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Holtman