

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

The July 2018 meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) took place at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday July 26th at the Radnor Township Municipal Building, Polly Room, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Those present were:

Matthew Holtman, Chairperson
Ron Katzman
Andrew Kalan
Jim Quinn
Skip Kunda

Those not present were:

Colleen Price
Daniel Meier

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Katzman called the group to order.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May 2018 EAC meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PRESENTATION BY RADNOR CONSERVANCY INTERNS

- Focused on elimination and/or replacement to plastic bags & straws in the Township
- 185 lbs of plastic produced by each American annually, with only 25% recycled
- Recommendations: plastic bag ban or tax, although there has been pushback by manufacturers in PA that produce these items. Plan to educate RHS students with more signage around trash/recycling receptacles
- Non-plastic water bottle give away or sell as fundraiser for an event
- Bring own fabric/reusable grocery bags to the store!!
- They will be working with local businesses directly to seek other options to plastic straws

- Next step: Radnor EAC made a motion to recommend to the Radnor Twp. Commissioners to consider legislation to phase out plastic straws & bags in the Township. Andrew to writeup recommendation and submit. Motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Kunda brought up article from Philly Inquirer about cost of single stream recycling compared to trash and to pre-single stream. Recommendation is to look at the new contract during the budget cycle in Sept/Q4, see if we can adjust our rate.

WORKGROUP REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Sustainable Parks workgroup

There was no update.

Sustainable PA Certification

Ben Cooper provided names of contacts to review our answers we intend to submit. Ron to email and request to meet to review the week of 7/30, and will CC the EAC on that for awareness.

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/AWARENESS

- Darby Creek Valley Association is hosting volunteer opportunities to help create upland and wetlands for Pollinators. Sat July 28, Aug 11 and Aug 25 from 9a-noon. Contact Anna Jackson annasingerjackson@icloud.com if interested
- Tales & Trails hike: Life Under a Log on Weds August 8th 6-7pm at the Willows. ***Registration is required*** on LLBEAN Outdoor Discovery Program. Look for Aug 8th Life Under A Log
- DCVA sent an email to raise awareness that FERC is cutting the public comment period from minimum 90 days to only 55 days and no hearings. There's a petition to sign to provide resistance to this approach and demand public hearings and adequate time for comments. Here's the link to the petition:
<http://www.delawareriverkeeper.org/node/5306>

LIAISON REPORTS

No news to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Stoneleigh: per Molly Morrison it's not as hot an issue, but Lower Merion still hasn't fully removed Stoneleigh as an option to use for school or sports complex needs. So stay aware and if needed be prepared to support.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Idea proposed for Villanova to look at the cost benefit of single stream recycling and make data driven recommendations on best options. Great idea, unclear on next steps
- Willows – considering a solar roof as part of their replacement project; Bartlett starting their 200 tree evaluation report
- Ready for 100: 5 of 7 local township or county commissioners have agreed to participate; contacted many local residents to participate (Ex: Sierra Club members in the area mailing); First meeting is after Labor Day
- Haverford College meeting – had a panel to propose a law banning polystyrene, next meeting 8/11 at the Brandywine YMCA

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