

Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2017, 7:30 pm

Attendees: EAC Members: Terry Watkins (1 - D'Emilio); Katie Thompson (3 - McClusky); Aurora Dizel (4 - Siegel); Victor Barsky (5 - Lewis); Vacant (6 - Holmes); Henry Eichman (7 - McGarrity); Peter Puglionesi (8 – Connell); Michael D'Antonio (EAC Appointee); J. Knox (EAC Appointee); Andrew Seaman (EAC Appointee); Brian Werner (EAC Appointee); Peter Hickman (Township Liaison); Visitors/Volunteers: Melissa Romano, Steve Fisher

Schedule: 1st Tuesday of the Month at Quattrani except for 7/5, 9/6 and 12/5 (CREC), 10/5 (Weds).

1. Meeting Minutes

- a. **Prior Meeting Minutes Approval** (Motion: Henry, 2nd J. Knox, Unanimous).
- b. **Volunteer to Prepare Tonight's Minutes** (P. Puglionesi)

2. **EAC Website:** We agreed to take a group photo at the next opportunity and do a new update of EAC "Who We Are" material for 2017-2018. Previously P. Puglionesi transmitted the final update for prior term to Rick McClary who oversees the Township web site for posting but no action has been taken to date. Allie Rothman moved from PT to FT to do web site complete redesign which may be causing delay.

3. **Recycling:** The Township mailing with a full size sticker is still pending. A. Dizel is working on a cover letter and recommended contents for a mailer to go to all new residents after closing. V. Borsky is working on finalizing the recycling presentation for the Board of Commissioners previously requested by Commissioner Holmes which remains on hold. A. Dizel discussed an apartment recycling program PRC has in Western PA and will email a link. EAC discussed developing similar materials that can be used for apartments here. Bob Gove will be invited to the next meeting to discuss apt complex progress and whether this can be useful. Victor offered to develop a composting poster.

4. Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee (DL, PSP, HE, DH, DS, NS) Update:

Tree Tenders: No update.

HTSD: K Thompson will send contact information for the Coopertown teacher who wants a rain garden.

Intern: No progress. N. Schmidt previously emailed Villanova contacts regarding getting an intern.

Paddock Park Rain Garden: On hold until late spring to see if, after plants mature, the inlet can be further raised (more than the current 6 inches above the bottom of the basin) to increase detention capacity without affecting drain down within 2 days.

100 Rain Gardens Initiative: No update. The assessments were conducted and a selection was made for 5 "residential" garden candidates (and 2 alternates) for Spring 2017 gardens.

NFWF Grants: No update. L. Gentile previously held a project kickoff meeting with a DCVA representative (P. Puglionesi) and the Township Engineer. DCVA also completed accelerated percolation test and shallow hand auger soil samples (refusal at about 18" due to the presence of 2" stone "ballast" typical of trolley tracks that were historically present). DCVA will work with Haverford Township on the design and curb reconstruction and will install the garden under a National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) grant for rain gardens in the Naylor's Run target sub-watershed, including a median gardens at Darby Road between the Middle School and Township building and 10 other gardens.

Grants/Sponsorships: Open items: M. Schaefer to contact Whole Foods about dedicating a 5% day to the program, and P.S. Puglionesi to get a I-Radio Philly PSA aired. Lowe's recommended applying for a larger grant (up to \$25,000) but this would require partnering for education and would require more time.

Median Rain Gardens (Twp Led): No update. The location at Hathaway near the Eagle Road end will be discussed at a suitable time. Mr. Gentile previously indicated that if we identify a suitable location, layout depth and plants, the Township can install it (including any necessary curb cuts).

Advice on Updates to Twp. Subdivision Design Standards (for updating parking lot, sidewalk residential driveway specs and impervious cover standards to reflect modern GSI and improve infiltration and reduce flooding): No updates. D. Schwartz previously suggested just using the Philadelphia program guidance and provided links to it. It is not clear whether this is an appropriate "model" SALDO and/or specification.

DEP MS4 Permit for TMDL Watersheds: No updates. Revised MS4 General Permit is due in early 2016 with

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a requirement that every municipality discharging to an impaired water must put together a plan, with real projects identified and costed, for reducing causes of impairment by 5%-10% over the permit 5-yr term to avoid EPA and DEP creating a Total Maximum Daily Limit (TMDL) for the impaired water (e.g., 5-10% reduction of solids load).

5. **Assessing Progress in Climate Action Plan Implementation.** Discussed EAC trial use of the 1 page guide to buying renewable power, distributed by P. Puglionesi by email after previous meeting. Will redistribute and try for more feedback and seek a volunteer to update it.
6. **Haverford Township Day Green Zone (First Saturday in October):** Resume activity in June.
7. **Planning for Earth Day Event (Sat. April 22, 2017).** A. Dizel reported on planning efforts including: multiple sponsors to pay for the proposed activities with funds to go through Parks and Recreation; recieved 2-3 checks; program is set. V. Borsky lined up Pacifico, will bring 2 Fords, 1 Lincoln, hoping to get a plug in delivered; Victor will ask them if OK to bring a Tesla and BMW for display. J. Knox/A. Dizel to develop a final postable schedule and PR pieces/posters; B. Werner and T. Watkins will help with PR by distributing posters and lawn signs; P. Hickman will post on Havertown Facebook page;– K. Thompson will send to PTOs; A. Dizel to send to Dan Siegel, Main Line Neighbors, J. Angell for Informed Citizen, etc.
8. **Contributions to Township and Recreation Newsletters.** Next deadline is for the Township Newsletter is ~ April 15 (1/17, 4/17, 7/17, 10/17), and for Recreation Department's HavaGood Times is ~March 15 (3/17, 6/17, 9/17, 12/17). P. Puglionesi requested a deadline update from the township, now 4/25.
9. **Preparation of the 2014/2015 EAC Annual Report:** No progress. A. Dizel and V. Borsky volunteered to update the prior draft to prepare a 2 year report/ presentation. P. S. Puglionesi to send latest draft.
10. **Superfund Site:** No update. Last discussed extensive environmental work in front of the capped site that may have been necessary to install storm water systems as the new storage facility is completed.
11. **New Logo:** No update. D. Hartke will be working on further updates of the logo based on comments received at the January meeting. The consensus was that it needed more work and should better emulate the current logo.
12. **New Business:** P. Puglionesi suggested a Rain Garden Tour as a fund raiser for Hav-a-Rain Garden and to raise awareness for rain gardens and GSI. REI is interested in promoting the trails and trail building events. No update on 2017 Green Homes Tour in 2017 suggested by Dave Hartke who will take the lead on planning. No updates a possible EAC Summit (P.S. Puglionesi previously emailed information to T. Watkins and Cindy Mehallow of Newtown EAC who were going to coordinate).