

Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2017, 7:30 pm

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

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:** Group photo for the next to update of EAC “Who We Are” material for 2017-2018 was deferred due to it being too dark. 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 is now responsible for web site.

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. V. Borsky offered to develop a composting poster. Bob Gove reviewed his efforts on improving recycling at apartment complexes. Apartments only came under Township law 2 years ago. Condos have proven to be the least cooperative. Some apartments have small recycling bins. There have been some observations of haulers co-mingling recycling with trash in the same truck and when asked, the owners say their haulers separate offsite and report amounts recycled. This is difficult to verify. EAC offered to get some guidance from DEP and determine whether they audit or verify hauler claims of downstream separation of trash and recycling. We discussed encouraging or requiring apartments to mount posters with recycling information at the trash collection locations and, if Haverford revised the ordinance to require it, how to police it. Since apartments have an annual fire code inspection, which comprehensively reviews public areas of the facility, adding this to the inspection and forwarding results to Mr. Gove would not require significant additional effort. Mr. Gove indicated that he is receptive to EAC support on developing outreach tools for apartments and condos. We discussed having a scrap metal dumpster at the public works yard and Mr. Gove indicated that the township is reluctant to have a scrap metal dumpster because they are concerned that appliances and air conditioners will be dumped there.

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

Rain Garden Tour: M. Romano offered to help P. Puglionesi with a Rain Garden Tour as a fund raiser for Hav-a-Rain Garden and to raise awareness for rain gardens and GSI.

Tree Tenders: No update.

HTSD: P. Puglionesi will follow up with the Coopertown PTO representative that K. Thompson indicated is interested in a rain garden at the school.

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

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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 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.** M. Romano tried the 1 page guide to buying renewable power and some suggested changes were made by email. It will be updated to include the new web page configuration before Earth Day and then posted on the EAC web page. Mr. Graff indicated that the DVRPC Climate inventory focuses on utilities and transportation. He suggested exploring the Sierra Club – Ready for 100% initiative, but P. Puglionesi indicated that the web site was not too helpful.
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: sponsors committed and one which dropped out, asking an energy coop. K. Thompson will do recycling information display. PS Puglionesi will get the DCVA watershed table and student volunteers will staff it. V. Borsky confirmed that Pacifico will bring at least 2 EV/plug in vehicles, and a private Tesla and BMW will be display. (Note: Zero Motorcycle was expected but could not make it and P. Puglionesi brought his Zero). J. Knox completed a poster. A. Dizel will handle social media and PR outreach; B. Werner and T. Watkins will help with PR by distributing posters and lawn signs. P. Hickman, K. Thompson and others will help disseminate through commissioner Siegel's 4 Haverford, Main Line Neighbors, Informed Citizen, etc.
8. **Contributions to Township and Recreation Newsletters.** Next deadline for the Township Newsletter was pushed back to ~ 4/25 (1/17, 4/17, 7/17, 10/17). HavaGood Times is ~June 15 (3/17, 6/17, 9/17, 12/17).
9. **Preparation of the 2014/2015 EAC Annual Report:** V. Borsky prepared an updated draft which will be distributed after Earth Day. Discussed a 2 or 3 year report/ presentation.
10. **Superfund Site:** P.S. Puglionesi circulated the 2015-2016 Annual O&M report before the meeting and proposed comments on optimizing to reduce manufacture of chloroform in the treatment process. And there were no objections. 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:** PS Puglionesi will redistribute D. Hartke updates of the logo for comments before revising further. The consensus was that it needed more work and should better emulate the current logo.
12. **New Business:** No updates on REI interest in promoting the trails and trail building events, 2017 Green Homes Tour in 2017 suggested by Dave Hartke, EAC Summit (P.S. Puglionesi previously emailed information to T. Watkins and Cindy Mehallow of Newtown EAC who were going to coordinate). T. Watkins will reach out this week.