

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

The August meeting of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to Order by Chairperson Josh Hilbert at 6:00 P.M. on August 27, 2015, at the Radnor Township Municipal Building, Radnorshire Room, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Those present were: Josh Hilbert, Chairperson
 Sloan Walker, Vice Chairperson
 Sally Mattison
 Dan Meier
 Luke Clark, Parks and Recreation Representative

Those not present were: Anne Poulin
 Skip Kunda, Planning Commission Representative
 Matthew Holtman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the May 28, 2015, EAC meeting were unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hilbert made the following announcements:

Radnor Township is offering Stormwater Utility rebates for certain stormwater projects started or purchased after 6/15/2015. A rebate form may be downloaded from the Radnor website. Projects or devices such as rain barrels, rain gardens, cisterns and downspout diversions qualify.

The DVRPC announced results of a study measuring the usage of trails in the region. The Chester Valley Trail was the second most used trail at approximately 240,000 walkers and bikers annually. The CVT is part of the greater trail system in the region called "The Circuit". Infrared and inductive sensors were used to count walkers and bicyclists.

Delaware County announced a Hazardous Waste Collection event on 9/20/2015 at the Penn State Extension in Media. Details can be found at the Delaware County website.

Ms. Mattison made the following announcements:

The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary invites people to attend Pennsylvania Coast Day on September 12, from 11AM – 4PM, at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia. The PDE will also hold an Oyster Schooner Sail on September 10, starting at 5PM. Information about these and other PDE events can be found at delawareestuary.org.

In June the Green Building Certification Inc. announced the launch of its newly-acquired SITES rating system. The comprehensive program and toolkit for developing sustainable landscapes was developed by the American Society of Landscape Architects, The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, and the U.S. Botanic Garden. The rating system uses progressive industry standards for landscape design; some of the credits have been developed in alignment with similar credits in the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rating system. More information is available at <http://www.sustainablesites.org/>.

PHS Tree Tenders is holding an Arborist Short Course this fall in Philadelphia. The course will be held on October 28 and 29 and November 4 and 5 from 8AM – 4PM (32 hours total). Information and registration are at <http://extension.psu.edu/plants/green-industry/courses/arborists-short-courses>.

WORKGROUP REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Radnor Green Team

There will be a Green Team meeting on September 24.

B. Sustainable Parks

Ms. Mattison reported that the Sustainable Parks Policy subcommittee has just begun its work. Matthew Holtman will attend the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on September 10.

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/AWARENESS

A. Wayne Elementary School

Mr. Hilbert reported that the PTO's Green Team is educating students about recycling practices.

LIAISON REPORTS

Luke Clark reported that the Night at the Ballpark event and concerts at Bo Connor Park and Veterans Park were well-attended. The fall events guide is out (available on the Radnor website); upcoming events will include a Truck Zoo on September 12, the Great Pumpkin Patch, the Radnor Run, and kids' sports programs.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Walker proposed to make an effort to get a hybrid car added to the upcoming township budget. He plans to contact Melissa Conn and others to find out if the township is planning to replace a light duty vehicle. Mr. Hilbert suggested requesting an all-electric vehicle instead of a hybrid. Mr. Walker will investigate whether other local townships are using any all-electric vehicles.

Ms. Mattison expressed concerns about the EAC's previous statement to the School District about artificial turf, and suggested that the School District be advised to seek input from the Board of Health as well as the EAC. After discussion it was agreed that she will recommend new language to convey the EAC's position to the School District.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Walker stated that he would like to discuss the problem of algae with the township. The North Wayne Protective Association has offered to partner on this issue. Mr. Clark reported that nothing has been done yet about algae at The Willows.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sam Hilbert reported seeing wasteful fixtures in public restrooms on a recent trip to London. Amelia Hilbert reported that London's double-decker buses are now hybrids.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Mattison