

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held tonight.

Voting members present were: Daryl Carrington, Barbara Duffy, Miriam Moss, Lorna Rosenberg and David Schultz. Jonathan Essoka and Amy Steffen, Ex officio members were present. Other interested public in attendance were: Dottie Baumgarten and Tom McHugh. (See attached attendance sheet).

**1. Call to Order** – Mr. Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes** – Ms. Duffy made a motion to approve the August 15, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Carrington. The motion was unanimously approved.

**3. Committee Reports -**

**A. Energy Committee** – Mr. Mettler was not present to review his report but did submit a written report via e-mail. (See attached). This report was reviewed and accepted by the EAC.

**B. Watershed Committee** – Ms. Duffy reported as follows:

She and Mr. Havir attended a recent meeting sponsored by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) concerning regulation and oversight of the Marcellus Shale Drilling in Pennsylvania. The Governor's Advisory Commission Report was discussed. At that meeting, it was announced that PEC would draft a sample referendum/resolution regarding guidelines for statewide monitoring of natural gas drilling and PEC was also urging a special session be called by the State Legislature to consider amending the State's Oil and Natural Gas Act to provide for stronger enforcement measures by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). PEC was also drafting a sample resolution which would be presented to the local municipalities and EAC to encourage their state legislators to support amendments to regulate Marcellus Shale Drilling. It was hoped the sample resolution would be available in the

next month. It was suggested that perhaps Cheltenham EAC along with the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF) could host a regional meeting among the Montgomery County EAC's to discuss this topic and its potential impacts on the Delaware Watershed Basin. Therefore, Ms. Duffy noted that she did not schedule for a speaker to this meeting to discuss the topic of Marcellus Shale pending the receipt of the PEC resolution.

Ms. Duffy also noted that the Parkview Park Riparian Buffer Planting was scheduled for October 1, 2011 from 9-4 p.m. Flyers were distributed last week to the Cedarbrook Middle School, Cheltenham High School, Melrose Park Neighborhood Association, Temple University, Arcadia University, TTF and Neighbors of Parkview Park. Ms. Rosenberg suggested contacting representatives of the Interfaith Council. Mr. Havir asked Ms. Duffy to contact the Township's Public Information Officer to coordinate sending an e-blast.

Ms. Duffy will be scheduling a meeting in the near future with Karen Saffran at Cedarbrook Middle School for the 2012 Community Earth Day Festival.

The Riparian Corridor Conservation Draft Ordinance is scheduled for review at the Ad Hoc Zoning Committee Meeting on September 26, 2011.

Mr. Schultz noted that Mr. Havir made a presentation at the Public Works Committee meeting regarding Ms. Myer's proposal to develop a landscape design studio in partnership with her design course taught at Temple University Amber Campus to re-vegetate with natives and provide public access and a trail design to connect the Cedarbrook Middle School and the various abutting neighborhoods to Curtis Arboretum. The course work would be completed by graduate students for a fee of \$5,000. The Public Works Committee recommended endorsing the proposal on possible inclusion in the 2012 Capital Budget with the direction that matching funding be sought through other non-profit organizations such as TTF. Ms. Duffy noted that she will also reach out to Karen Shaffran at the Cedarbrook Middle School regarding collaboration

on grant funding. Mr. Havir suggested having an internal working group (Miriam Moss, TTF, Karen Shaffran and Barbara Duffy, Mary Meyers and himself) to meet sometime this fall to define the scope of work in more detail. Ms. Duffy will contact Ms. Meyers at Temple University.

Ms. Moss expressed concern over the recent weather events and stormwater flooding concerns and public health issues. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Madams Moss, Rosenberg, Baumgarten and Messrs. McHugh and Schultz will meet with Ms. Duffy to work on mapping the areas of concern along the Tookany Creek that experienced flooding. Mr. Schultz stated that they would look at land use, land alternatives and stream engineering. Mr. Havir was asked to provide copies of Township Flood Plan and topography maps, which he will obtain from the Township's Building and Zoning Department.

*C. Transportation Committee* – Mr. McHugh was not present to offer a report at this time of the meeting but Mr. Schultz did inquire about the recent submission of the TCDI grant application. Mr. Havir stated that the EAC supported a recommendation to apply for grant funds to hire a consultant to develop a feasibility study and Township-wide audit for walkability and bike-ability connections. This study will be used to submit with future implementation grants. Mr. Havir hoped to hear about grant awards sometime in December.

*D. Buildings Committee* – Ms. Rosenberg reviewed her written report (see attached) which provided an update on the Cheltenham School District, in particular, continued effort to have student representation on the EAC; recycling and creation of a Student Conservation Corp. School Superintendent Dr. Davis supported sending students to the Delaware Valley Green Building Council on October 21, 2011.

Ms. Rosenberg announced that Ms. Moss and Ms. Alisha Thomas will spearhead the School District recycling effort.

Ms. Rosenberg also announced that the Cheltenham Sustainable Plan is moving forward and the Steering Committee meeting is scheduled to meet to review plans for the two Visioning Sessions scheduled for September 22 & 27, 2011 at Curtis Hall. The guest speaker for the September 22<sup>nd</sup> visioning session will be Lori Braunstein, Executive Director of Sustainable Cherry Hill.

*E. Communications Committee* – Mr. Schultz asked for volunteers to assist in the development of a job description for communications committee chair and serve as a nominating committee for selecting a new committee chair. Mr. Schultz and Ms. Rosenberg will make a recommendation at next month's meeting.

**4. *Old Business:***

A. Website Development – Mr. Schultz tabled this discussion to the October meeting.

B. EAC Vision Statement – Mr. Essoka reviewed the latest draft of the EAC Vision Statement. Following a discussion, Mr. Schultz asked Mr. Essoka to e-mail a revised version to all EAC members which incorporates the comments from this evening's meeting. The matter will be discussed again next month.

**5. *New Business*** – Ms. Steffen addressed the EAC regarding the development of an educational outreach program for Stormwater Best Management Practices for Residential Neighborhoods within the Watershed involving workshops and hands on demonstrations to be facilitated by the (TTF), Friends of High School Park (FHSP) and the EAC. Discussion ensued regarding rain barrels, swales, rain gardens and how best to demonstrate proper utilization of stormwater best management practices addressing differences in usage and topography.

**6. Other Business** – Mr. Schultz made an announcement regarding an event sponsored by Transition Cheltenham, Home Grown Institute Conference on March 22-25, 2012.

**7. Announcements** – Mr. Havir reviewed the following three information items: 1) Good Business Practices for Clean Water being offered to Cheltenham Businesses, 2) Riparian Buffer Planting at Parkview Park scheduled for October 1, 2011 and 3) Montgomery County Lands Trust –The Great Conservation Caper, a geo-caching event for Open Space.

The Harvest Festival will be held on October 15, 2011 from 12 – 5 p.m. Mr. Essoka, Ms. Rosenberg and Ms. Duffy plan to attend as EAC representatives.

**8. Adjournment** – Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Moss. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



David G. Kravnik,  
Township Manager

Submitted by:  
Kathryn McDevitt



MEETING ATTENDANCE

Environmental Advisory Council



Monday, September 19, 2011 @ 7:30 P.M.

Township Administration Building  
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September 2011 -EAC – Buildings Report – Lorna Rosenberg

“Focus on Cheltenham School District” - Met with Dr. Davis, Superintendent in August to discuss continued work on student representation on the EAC, recycling and creation of a Student Conservation Corps to focus on energy efficiency in the High School and Cedarbrook. Dr. Davis was in support of sending students to the Del Val Green Building Council - Free Student Conservation Corps Workshop on October 21 and would reach out to the principals. Dr. Lewis of the High School and I have been on email correspondence about this issue and we will hopefully have student representatives for the EAC by October and Cheltenham students involved in saving energy through Student Conservation Corps.

I have reached out to Miriam Moss and Alisha Thomas to spear head the School District Recycling effort as a carryover from last May.

“Sustainable Cheltenham” Visioning and planning are moving along for this effort with two visioning sessions coming up on Sept 22 &, 2011 and S

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Dear Kathryn and EACrew:

I am jubilant that my brother and I have nine performances this coming week in Virginia Beach but this means I will miss the our EAC meeting on Monday evening. Amy, I'm sorry I won't be able to be there for your presentation on wrangling storm water.

Energy Report

Each American consumes 26 barrels of oil each year: 10 for food, 9 for the house, and 7 for the car--right now we're working on the car!

Daryl Carrington made a fabulous e-version of the People's Bike Route Network Map. I have attached Daryl's map for your perusal.

It features 34 intersections in need of safe crossing solutions for bikes and pedestrians--to make our township walkable and bikeable.

About one third of these intersections are at points leading into and out of the township. The TCDI Planning grant reviewers supposedly look favorably on routes that connect our community to other communities.

There are several streets (that are wide enough) recommended for painted bike lanes. The rest of the streets in the network are "shared road streets" that are lightly traveled. This bike route network is designed to promote the most bike mobility for the least amount of money.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Mettler