

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held tonight. Voting members present were: Dottie Baumgarten, Barbara Duffy, Jonathan Essoka, Miriam Moss, David McVeigh-Schultz, and Lorna Rosenberg. Ex-officio member: Bridget Chadwick. Staff present: Bryan T. Havir, Assistant Township Manager. (See attached attendance sheet).

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

2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes –Ms. Duffy made a motion to accept the March 19, 2012 meeting minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Rosenberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Committee Reports -

A. Energy Committee – No report.

B. Buildings Committee – Ms. Rosenberg reported that once demolition commences at the old Cheltenham Elementary School, the construction of the new school will take 1-1/2 years to complete. It is expected to open in 2014. Ms. Rosenberg noted there will be a green roof in a small area of the building which is a good example for the community for stormwater management. Students at Cheltenham High School AP Environmental Science class are learning about stormwater flooding issues in the Township to make a presentation to the School Board on incorporation of Stormwater Best Management Practices into the design for the next school that will be rebuilt which is Wyncote Elementary School. Tookany-Tookany/Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTFWP) is scheduled to make a presentation to the class on May 10, 2012. Ms. Rosenberg will dedicate a plaque on April 27, 2012 to the Myers Schools in recognition of the LEED Silver Certification.

Chairman Schultz asked Ms. Rosenberg if they are doing benchmarking of consumption comparison both pre and post-building. Ms. Rosenberg responded that the State of Pennsylvania Department of Education utilizes PlanCon: 1) Master Plan for other buildings facility evaluation, 2) every building's benchmark is Energy Star – one year's worth of data. A score of 75+ is required for energy star eligibility. The good news is that Cheltenham High School had a score above 75, but Myers Elementary School had a score below 75. This might mean that additional training is required for those managing energy efficiency systems. Discussion ensued. It was noted that Elkins Park Middle School has an EnerNOC energy management system which works with sensors on the HVAC system to monitor energy demand flow response. The next questions are what do you do with the data; how does it work in schools, who receives information and who develops the action plan.

Chairman Schultz inquired about the Township's third party energy provider benchmarking for prior years energy performance and asked when data would be available and how is it broken out – department, building or campus. Mr. Havir noted that the Montgomery County Planning Commission was provided electric use data for all Township buildings and will be inputting the demand usage into Energy Star as part of its work for the Sustainability Plan.

Mr. Schultz inquired about the federal energy efficiency grant used for the two Community Centers. Mr. Havir explained that the funding was used only for Rowland Community Center for a customized slim line boiler and retrofit for exhaust, as well as lighting upgrades. Mr. Havir noted that eligible light fixtures for PECO Rebates at the La Mott Community Center (LCC) were being purchased and installed as part of a 2012 Capital Improvement Project. Discussion ensued about automatic controls on the HVAC system at

LCC. Mr. Havir noted that the Staff felt that the current usage of the building was not conducive for automatic controls at this time.

C. Watershed Committee – Ms. Duffy reported:

- Watershed/Flooding Ad Hoc Committee - Ms. Duffy reported that Army Corp of Engineer's (ACOE) proposed scope of work was discussed at the Public Works Committee Meeting on April 11, 2012. Discussion ensued on flood management versus stormwater management.

Ms. Duffy noted the Public Works Committee requested the community stakeholders include EAC and TTF and some floodside residents, PWD, etc.

The study would look at Abington Township as well. Tookany-

Tacony/Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTFWP) – Ms. Duffy noted that in follow up to a March 7, 2012 meeting with TTFWP's Executive Director on regarding prospects for collaboration on possible watershed education projects, and community meetings dealing with stormwater management. The idea is for EAC to list the meeting and TTF could facilitate and present the topics to various neighborhood association community groups. The plan would be to have smaller groups first then put together larger groups. Utilize Arcadia University, PEC, Audubon Society for more intense presentations on local issues in watershed issues. Ms. Baumgaraten suggested that the Board of Commissioners should sponsor one of the talks.

- Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Ralph Morgan Park. Ms. Duffy will be in attendance. Three new trees will be planted.

- Earth Day Festival – Scheduled for April 28, 2012 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at Cedarbrook Middle School (CMS). Featured will be energy conservation based on CMS’s curriculum and award of a PECO Green Region grant; TTFWP will provide a presentation on stormwater best management practices; energy demonstration projects will be presented, CFL light bulb giveaway; Glenside Mural Arts Project flyers for selecting environmental theme for project and fundraising, and information to be distributed on the Sustainability Plan goals.
- Community Earth Day Projects – scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2012. At least ten community groups have agreed to sponsor an earth day project. There may also be sponsors for Wall Park and Renninger Park projects.
- Revised Riparian Corridor Conservation Draft Ordinance will be presented at the May Parks and Recreation meeting. Mr. Havir suggested that perhaps TTF could provide educational workshops on the Ordinance during the summer months to the effected property owners. He noted that over 1000 property owners would have to be notified of the changes to the Ordinance because their properties abut portions of the Tookany Creek and its tributaries.
- The Native Plant draft ordinance is completed and needs to be reviewed before the Ad Hoc Zoning Committee.
- Model Tree Ordinance–Ms. Duffy reported research continues.
- Storm drain marking in Wyncote area– Ms. Duffy reported she received e-mail report from TTFWP that 20 volunteers from TTFWP and students from

the Arcadia University social action class marked 19 storm drains on March 8, 2012 in the Wyncote neighborhood.

D. Transportation Committee – Ms. Chadwick is working on selecting a few projects on the Pennsylvania Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) list that are in Cheltenham Township and focusing on impervious surface. Ms. Chadwick discussed driveway and road widths, sidewalks, concrete medians, transportation ordinances and ADA conversions. Discussion ensued regarding use of porous materials in ADA conversions of depressed sidewalks at intersections.

Additionally Ms. Chadwick circulated a document she prepared for the public to help them understand the TIP. She provided details of automobile, pedestrian and bike modes of transportation. She explained the Key listed on the TIP such as PE – Preliminary Engineering, FD – Final Destination, etc. Ms. Chadwick also referred to the Bike Pedestrian Checklist for PennDOT where you have pedestrian-need sidewalks. An example of an area she feels needs sidewalks for pedestrian safety and mobility is along Township Line Road near Moss Rehabilitation

E. Communications Committee – Ms. Baumgarten presented a written report which was distributed and reviewed at the meeting. (See attached). Deciding what information should go out via the EAC newsletter was discussed. It was determined that those organizations having contractual obligations involving community outreach for the Township (TTFWP and FHSP) could be included in the EAC newsletter.

4. Old Business:

A. *Website Development* – Ms. Forman was not present to offer her report. Mr. Schultz said that Ms. Forman indicated that she had not received information regarding links from the Committee contact persons and asked the EAC members to send her information by next week. Mr. Havir suggested moving forward with what has been developed so far for the website, and additions can always be made at a later date.

B. *Sustainability Plan Development* – Ms. Rosenberg noted that the two committees will work on the Cheltenham Township Sustainability Plan until September. The next general committee meeting will be held at Curtis Hall on April 19, 2012 to discuss the next goals: waste management; energy and sustainable development. Ideas for implementation of the plan were discussed. When the Sustainability Plan is official and finished, goals would be transferrable to other institutions such as churches and small businesses to adapt actions.

Ms. Rosenberg noted the School District encouraged six schools to apply for the award for energy conservation, environmental education and health education projects under the Department of Education, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the White House Council on Environmental Quality concept of the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools. After the School District receives its Green Ribbon Award, we will address school health and fitness and sustainable environmental education.

C. *America in Bloom (AIB) Evaluation Report* – Discussion continued to next meeting.

5. New Business - None.

6. Announcements

- o PEC 42nd Annual Dinner held at the Wanamaker's Crystal Room on June 6, 2012.

- o Municipal Stormwater Workshop scheduled for May 7, 2012 in Carlisle, PA sponsored by Penn State through DCNR.
- o Urban Heat Islands at the Academy of Natural Sciences scheduled for April 17, 2012.
- o A Green House Gas Emission Map was presented by DVRPC for the Region. Great education tool – bring to next meeting.
- o TTFWP - Watershed Milestone Award Ceremony & Reception on May 31 at Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center in Philadelphia 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- o Doylestown Bux Mont Annual Summit – May 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. If interested let Mr. Havir know by May 1, 2012.

7. Adjournment – Ms. Rosenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms.

Baumgarten. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



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Submitted by:
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EAC Communications Committee, April 16, 2012

Constant Contact: two emails were sent this month. One was focused on reporting Earth Day events, the other was focused on the Tookany Tacony-Frankford Watershed Association Fund raiser at Whole Foods.

There's a question to consider- what events do we send an EAC email about? Seems to me that TTF and High School Park are directly connected to the township, so their information could go out on the EAC newsletter. Advice is welcome.

The next email will include information on e-cycling (township and county event), and will include a link to TTF and High School Park.

Website development is continuing by Deb Forman.

Submitted by Dottie Baumgarten