

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held tonight. Members present were Dottie Baumgarten, Barbara Duffy, Jonathan Essoka, and Lorna Rosenberg. Ex-officio members present were Kurt Ahrens, Bonnie Hay, Tom McHugh and Beth Yount. Public present were Cynthia Blackwood, Gail Korostoff, Sidney Kahn and Ann Rappoport. Township Liaison present was Nancy K. Gibson, Public Information Officer. (See attached attendance sheet.)

1. Call to Order – Ms. Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes – Ms. Duffy made a motion to accept the October 21, 2013 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Essoka. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Committee Reports:

A. Communications Committee – Ms. Baumgarten was present and reported that Google Apps have been discontinued; an EAC Newsletter was sent out on October 30th and a special announcement about the Open House at Sidney Kahn's home on November 24th was sent on November 18.

B. Water and Ecology Committee – Ms. Duffy presented her report. (See attached.) Ms. Rosenberg requested an update on the Old York Road Community Organization America in Bloom effort. Since Mr. Essoka did not attend the most recent meeting, Ms. Korostoff, from the Friends of High School Park (FHSP) commented that the group surveyed the streetscape of “downtown Elkins Park East,” in the vicinity of the train station and High School Park. A Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) member is also involved with developing a proposed landscape plan for the area including public and privately owned property and property owned by SEPTA.

C. Energy and Emissions Committee – Mr. McHugh presented his report. (See attached.) Mr. McHugh urged the EAC members to support the Open House on Sunday, November 24, 2013. He also noted that Mr. Mettler had arranged an excellent “complete streets” presentation at the

Public Affairs Committee meeting on November 6, 2013. Finally, Mr. McHugh read a statement prepared by Neil Greenberg for presentation to the Finance Committee regarding the Fossil Fuel Divestment. Due to the length of the Public Works Committee meeting on November 13, 2013, the statement was postponed until the December 11, 2013 meeting.

D. School Board Liaison Committee – Ms. Rosenberg presented her report. (See attached.) Ms. Rosenberg reported that Ms. Yount's son is effectively coordinating the Cheltenham High School environmental club activities.

4. Old Business:

A. Sustainable Cheltenham Festival and Sustainable Cheltenham Awards Program - Ms. Rosenberg invited Ms. Blackwood and Ms. Korostoff from FHSP to discuss the inclusion of the Sustainable Cheltenham Festival with Arts in the Park (AIP) on the first weekend in June 2014. Ms. Blackwood noted that the AIP fundraising event for FHSP has run for 19 years and features fifty (50) artisans along with food vendors, games, music and entertainment. Ms. Blackwood noted that the FHSP and EAC have similar missions and merging these events would increase visibility for the EAC and increase attendance at AIP. Importantly, FHSP would like the EAC to also provide new sponsorship. Ms. Korostoff noted that AIP is well defined but additional tables could possibly be positioned in and around the meadow or along Montgomery Avenue for vendors and student sustainability displays. Volunteers will be needed to begin set up on the Saturday before the event and by 6:30 a.m. on Sunday. Ms. Rosenberg would like a new standing committee to begin planning for the event. Ms. Duffy wished to include Karen Shaffran from Cedarbrook Middle School. Ms. Blackwood noted that the AIP committee meets in January. Ms. Rosenberg suggested the EAC call the event the "Sustainable Cheltenham Festival at Arts in the Park."

Ms. Rosenberg reported that a few members met in October to discuss the award program to establish some criteria: 1) awards will align with the ten sustainability goals; 2) categories will include individual, institutional, business and community groups; 3) winners must benefit Cheltenham; and 4) nominations should include measurements, if applicable. Sustainable Cheltenham Award presentations and student sustainability displays will be featured at AIP. Ms. Gibson agreed to forward a basic online nomination form to Ms. Rosenberg. Discussion continued on how to encourage participation and how to acknowledge award recipients. It was suggested that awards could be presented at a Township Commissioners meeting and featured in a Township newsletter or included on the website.

B. Discussion of Municipal Action Plan (MAP) Implementation – Ms. Rosenberg noted that the Township's 2014 proposed capital budget was forwarded to the EAC members in an e-mail on November 15, 2013. Ms. Rosenberg asked committee members to review the capital budget for projects connected to Sustainability goals for discussion at the next meeting.

Ms. Gibson reported that she and Ms. Rosenberg met to begin work on drafting a green purchasing policy for the Township.

C. Sustainable Cheltenham Open House – Dr. Kahn reported that he had provided a house tour to a group of eighth grade students from Cedarbrook Middle School. Several volunteered to assist at the Open House event. Ms. Rosenberg stated that she will also be at the Open House.

Dr. Kahn will post descriptions of what has been done and where it is for the Open House and have a rotating slide show of before, during and after photos. He also requested EAC/Sustainability posters and a sign-in sheet or guest book to collect visitor's e-mails to send them future sustainability information. Dr. Kahn noted that he also invited the energy consultants who worked on his project to attend.

D. Natural Lands Trust PECO Green Region Open Space Grant Application - Ms. Gibson reported that after speaking with the grant administrator, the Township Manager requested the EAC's support of a **Rock Creek Riparian Buffer Enhancement Project** for this grant opportunity. Following discussion, Ms. Baumgarten made a motion to support the Township in filing this grant application for the Rock Creek Riparian Buffer Enhancement Project; seconded by Ms. Rosenberg and unanimously approved.

E. Sustainable Cheltenham Website - Ms. Gibson continues to work on the website.

F. Discussion of Super Wawa Zoning Hearing Appeal No. 3468 - Ms. Rosenberg reported that Mr. Stamm, an ex-officio member of the EAC, has reviewed the appeal and formed recommendations regarding the variances requested. Ms. Gibson noted that any recommendations from the EAC would go to the Public Works Committee. Ms. Rosenberg noted that Ms. Donna Powell offered to take Mr. Stamm and EAC members on a walk-thru of the site this weekend. In addition, Ms. Rosenberg stated that Mr. Stamm will host a meeting on December 5, 2013, to possibly develop an EAC recommendation regarding the variances requested for the project.

5. New Business:

A. Discussion of City of Yonkers, NY, Green Building Ordinance - Ms. Rosenberg tabled this discussion until the EAC had the opportunity to evaluate the Ordinance. Ms. Rosenberg will contact Yonkers for more information. Ms. Rosenberg asked the Energy and Emissions Committee to report on this issue in the future.

6. Announcements:

A. Ms. Rosenberg stated the **International Green Building Council Expo** will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, November 20-22, 2013.

November 18, 2013 7:30 p.m.
Township Administration Building

B. Ms. Rosenberg asked members to bring a small snack or beverage to the next meeting for holiday cheer.

7. **Adjournment** – Ms. Baumgarten made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Duffy. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

Submitted by:
Kathryn McDevitt

CHELTENHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL- November 18, 2013

Committee: Water & Ecology

Liaison to the Council: Barbara Duffy

Date of last meeting: September 12, 2013

Date of next meeting: December 3, 2013

Questions for the board/larger group:

Action Items Completed:

- **John Russell Park Planting**- Saturday, October 5th – Successful planting and education done with PHS & TD Bank. Good group of volunteers from TD Bank staff, Cedarbrook MS students & community members.
- **Parkview Park Planting**- Saturday, October 26th – See attached report- Another successful riparian planting with 36 volunteers.
- **Grove Park Planting** – Saturday, November 2nd- Headed by Friends of Grove Park- 9 volunteers planted 25 native shrubs and neighbors helped purchase the scrubs for this riparian planting!
- TTF Partnership had stormwater BMP tours of areas in Philadelphia section of TTF – tours were well attended. They are planning tours in Montgomery Co (upper reaches of TTF) in the spring.
- Attended Circuit Campaign Informational Meeting on 10/29. The campaign's goal is to replenish the DVRPC's Regional Trail Fund, a competitive grant program established by the William Penn Foundation. (For more info go to: connectthecircuit.org). Bryan Havir, Township Manager spoke about the Tookany Creek Trail Phase 3, which would connect the Tookany Creek Parkway trail to HS Park. Advocates of the Cresheim Trail were also in attendants.

Action Items In-progress/Pending:

- Continuing to coordinate with Public Works- Parks Superintendent to work on invasive species controls in the parks. Will possibly meet in January to formulate plan and possibly identify some 'no mow' zones in township parks.
- No update on the recommendation to the Chelt. BOC to have township staff contact Penn DOT with regard to the concerns about past damage as a result of the 309 road construction and to hopefully negotiate a possible solution to the riparian damage to Rock Creek stream bank.
- Continuing to follow flooding projects (DEP & Army Corps). 2014-15 preliminary budgets reflect possible money assigned for DEP Glenside flood project.
- Starting to plan for 2014 Sustainable Cheltenham at "Arts in the Park" event.
- In January, will be contacting community groups to sponsor Earth Day projects for weekend of April 19-20, 2014
- Continuing with "Turn a New Leaf" campaign at township events
- Following TTF Partnership happenings including the Trash Task Force
- Native Plant ordinance (still pending)
- Participation in Curtis Arboretum Master Plan development. (Last meeting was 11/14/13)
- **America in Bloom**- group met on Sunday, November 3rd. They surveyed the entire Elkins Park Town Centre, including the train station and shopping/dining area. John Rogers and Juli Phillips agreed to draft plan to be discussed at their next December meeting. The plan will include PHS's involvement in tree planting ideas.

Announcements:

❖ **TTF Partnership Events:** (For more details & events go to www.ttfwatershed.org)

Shop with TTF at the Dovetail Artisans!

When: Wed, December 4, 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Where: Dovetail Artisans 105 E Glenside Ave, Glenside, PA 19038 ([map](#))

Description: Proceeds from all sales will benefit TTF's programs and work to protect our parks and streams! Enjoy light refreshments and hang out with us at this great store that highlights local artists! Find gifts for everyone on your list!

Christmas Bird Count!

When: Dec 14, 2013 – Jan 5, 2014

Description: TTF Participates in this yearly tradition from our friends at the National Audubon Society! TTF will be hosting some bird walks and bird counts periodically throughout the Christmas Bird Count, so stay tuned

Recommended Water & Ecology Links for website:

Tookany/Tacony- Frankford Watershed Partnership: www.ttfwatershed.org

Friends of High School Park: www.highschoolpark.org

Delaware Riverkeepers Network: www.delawareriverkeeper.org

StormwaterPA: www.stormwaterpa.org

Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center: www.fairmountwaterworks.org

Penn Future: www.pennfuture.org



Parkview Park Phase 3 Riparian Planting Report

Plant Delivery & Site Prep Date: Friday, October 25, 2012

Planting Date: Saturday, October 26, 2012

Planting Expenses:

Tools-

2 - 24" Bypass Lopper	\$????
1 - 24" Steel Post Driver	\$ 29.62
10 - Gloves	\$10.60
Total:	\$40.22

Food Expenses: (Donated)

Snacks	chip bags snacks	\$27.54
Beverages	iced tea & lemonade	\$8.37
	Total:	\$35.91

Volunteer Hours:

Preparations for planting # of volunteers- 2

Total - 11 hours

Included- purchasing tools & snacks, communication, packing & unloading tools, and unloading and placing plants.

Planting Day # of volunteers- 36

Total - 162 hours

Included- planting plants, installing deer fencing, removing invasive plants and trash cleanup.

Total Volunteer Hours: 173 hours

Submitted by Barbara Duffy, EAC Water & Ecology Committee

McDevitt, Kathryn

From: Dottie Baumgarten [dottiebaumgarten@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, November 18, 2013 7:14 PM

To: McDevitt, Kathryn

Cc: David McVeigh Schultz; Is Rosenberg-EACchair; Jonathan Essoka; Martin Carey; Barbara Duffy; Bonnie Hay; Brad Baker; Christopher Edelstein; Daryl Carrington; Diane Diffenderfer; Dr. Kurt Ahrens; Earl Stamm; Beth Yount; Jim Butt; Josey Stamm; Judith Gratz; Karen Shaffran; Hampton, Kathy; Kevin Aires; Lisa Donahue; Natalie Hursky; Olga McHugh; Peter Blau; Rebecca Messa; Rob Flemming; Robert Hyslop; Robin Eisman; Susan Levey; Tom Macchi; Tom McHugh; William Mettler; Gibson, Nancy; Natalie Hursky

Subject: Re: EAC 11-18-13 Meeting Agenda and October 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes

EAC Communications Committee Report for Nov. 2013

EAC Communications Committee Report
November 18, 2013

The Google Apps has been discontinued.

An EAC Newsletter was sent out October 30th via Constant Contact.

An announcement about the upcoming tour of Sydney Kahn's home on November 24th also was sent out by Constant Contact.

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Baumgarten

On Fri, Nov 15, 2013 at 4:17 PM, McDevitt, Kathryn <kmcdevitt@cheltenham-township.org> wrote:
EAC Members:

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2013 at the Township Administration Building.

Attached please find the 11-18-13 Meeting Agenda and 10-21-13 Meeting Minutes.

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McDevitt, Kathryn

Subject: FW: E & E report to EAC

From: tom.mchugh@monitordata.com [mailto:tom.mchugh@monitordata.com]

Sent: Monday, November 18, 2013 4:21 PM

To: Barb; Beth Yount; Bonnie Hay; David McVeigh-Schultz; Doryan De Angel; Dottie Baumgarten; Gratz Judith; Julie Slavet; Hampton, Kathy; Natalie Hursky; Robert Hyslop; Robin Eisman; Tom Macchi; Jonathan Essoka; Martin Carey; Rosenberg.Lorna@epamail.epa.gov

Cc: McDevitt, Kathryn; Gibson, Nancy

Subject: RE: E & E report to EAC

To all EAC members,

A number of the EAC members attended the last Cheltenham Public Safety Committee meeting at Curtis Hall.

Thank Bill Mettler and Commissioner Kathy Hampton for arranging for an excellent professional presentation on Complete Streets which was well received by the commissioners and public in attendance. We will continue to support this effort at future meetings of commissioners.

Thank Kurt Ahrens and other EAC members for working out the time and date for the tour of Mr. Kahn's Platinum LEED Certified house scheduled for next Sunday. Students from Cedarbrook Middle School will be helping. Please support the energy efficiency open house by attending.

Thank Tom Bale, Neil Greenberg and other citizens concerned about climate change for taking their resolution for divestment of Township pension funds from fossil fuel companies to the last Pension Board meeting and then to the Finance Committee meeting last week. Unfortunately, the Finance Committee Meeting was moved hours behind schedule due to a very long Public Works meeting held just prior to Finance on the same night. Hopefully, divestment from fossil fuel companies will be discussed next month.

Thomas K. McHugh, Chair
Energy and Emissions Subcommittee of the EAC

CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL-
November 2013

Committee: Schools Committee
Liaison to the Council: Lorna Rosenberg
Date of last meeting: Sept 2013
Date of next meeting: December

Questions for the board/larger group:

- Discussion of how to engage schools in Sustainable Cheltenham @ Arts in the Park

Action Items Completed:

- Environmental science club is now being lead by Nissim Lebovits a student, sophomore class officer
- Myers - Eco Art display at the SD Administration bldg
- Cheltenham Elementary – Contact made with Principal – investigating using school as a teaching tool with architect and principal

Action Items In-progress/Pending:

- School Policy - environmental health committee meeting Oct 28 and Nov 18 - did not attend on Oct 18
- CHS
 - Green Apple Day of Service - ENERGY STAR Benchmarking with students in progress
 - Waste audit being conducted by students Dec 18. Results will be sent to the principal and administration to improve recycling rates. Working with Dr. Ray Bavi
 - Students planning a trip to Waste Management Recycling Plant.
 - Students attending Green Build Expo at Philadelphia Convention Center
 - Sustainable Cheltenham Videos being discussed
- Cheltenham Elementary : Will contact Dr. Bavi to find out if the architect is perusing the credit for using the school as a teaching tool
- Cedarbrook -Students working with Karen Shaffran to prepare a brochure for the tour of Sidney Kahn's house. He has presented to the students and they have visited his house. They will be tour guides the day of the open house Nov 24.