

Haverford Township - Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, July 03, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: -1014 Darby Rd., Havertown PA, 19083 - Meeting Room C

Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval
3. Monthly Update from Alexis De Santi, Haverford Township Special Projects Coordinator
4. Priority for Action
5. Calendar of EAC or related workshops/events/outreach
5. Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee Update
6. Climate Action Subcommittee Update
7. Recycling and Composting Subcommittee Update
8. Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee:
9. HHS Liaison on Env. Club Collaboration
10. Superfund Site
11. Volunteer opportunities
12. Public Comment / New Business

Adjourn

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Minutes

Joy Baxter called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Roll call was taken.

Attendance

Joy Baxter (2 - Forste-Grupp), William Hitchcock (3 - McClusky), Melisa Romano (4 - Trombetta), Victor Barsky (5 - Cavender), Peter Puglionesi (8 - Hart), Hank Schwab (9 - McCollum), Judy Trombetta (Commissioner Liaison), Alexis De Santi (Township Liaison), Alice Grunt (Citizen)

June 24 Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval - Approved unanimously

Monthly Update from Alexis De Santi, Haverford Township Special Projects Coordinator:

EAC is invited to July 8 meeting, DelCo sustainability office will be present, Environmental365 website is now live on havtwp.org - Alexis is asking for EAC to take a look and provide feedback. Opportunity for volunteer coordination with High School environmental club: Kyle Gaumann and Joy's daughter friend are club members, Also the Young Democrats may be interested. Alexis asked for EAC to write up language for Solarize DelCo

Priority for Action

Review and Vote on letter to Commissioners and Twp Manager about the need for a separate engineering contractor dedicated to stormwater and environmental engineering - Due to several issues noted by EAC with Pennoni's stormwater ordinance update and ongoing environmental projects. Discussion about the political process of selecting/recommending Pennoni to the Twp Manager. Discussion of Pennoni's lack of communication with Twp and lack of public/DVCA input on environmental projects. Discussion of language and questions to be included in the letter.

Motion to send the letter following edits by Alexis, Joy, second Peter

Approved unanimously

Push for composting as a service in Haverford Twp. Alexis was to speak with Dave about an RFP for composting service. Discussion of different providers and range of costs/convenience. Need to garner more public support for this if it is going to be successful

Transition Plan for Hav-a-Rain Garden

Discussion of current members in leadership roles and time commitment

Outreach warranted to watershed stewards, DVCA, plant society, and gardeners

Riparian Buffers

List of parcels abutting streams generated, but need to remove parcels along urbanized (concrete) stream banks (Will to complete)

Discussion of format/content for mailer

Calendar of EAC or Related Workshops/Events/Outreach

The website was created as suggested in the Climate Action Plan. It is our biggest outreach tool.

Haverford Climate Action: 957 visitors in the last 30 days (9615, last 12 months)

June 1st-Sept 6th Glass Collection for Recycling in Township Building lower lot

August 19th 7-9pm: Summer Haverford Recycling Workshop [CREC]

August 24th 8-11am: Shredding Event [Township Building]

October 5th: Haverford Township Day (Agreed that we should get Cybertruck guy and Rivian guy to come and show off their trucks)

October 9th 6-8:30pm Food Choices and Climate Workshop [CREC]

October 10th 7pm: Backyard Composting Workshop [virtual]

October 16th 7pm: Heat Pump 101 / How to Cut Fossil Fuels in Your Home: Heat Pumps for HVAC and Water Heating, and Home Electrification

Pumpkin Collection

Fall Haverford Recycling Workshop [Haverford Adult School]

Nov 23rd 9am-1pm: Large E-Waste Event [Township Building]

Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee – JB, MR

Signs and (half sheet) info scheduled for shredding and Large E-waste events

Climate Action Subcommittee – SC, RG, JB, NS, JS, MR

Quarterly Climate Meeting: Next meeting 9/13/24

Township Solar Committee – JB, PP, VD, JL Car canopies being investigated by township.

Solarize Marketing – MR, NS, AM, JM: Solarize Delco will appear on new HavTwp environmental page.

Regional Municipal / County Update - Not discussed this meeting

Expand Residential Tree Canopy – NS - Not discussed this meeting

Ordinance Subcommittee – AC, NS, JB, PP, RG, PH, TG - Not discussed this meeting

Recycling and Composting Subcommittee – MR, AD, JB, HE

Alexis: Spoke to Republic - moving forward it should be easy to remedy any misinformation

No update on aeroaggregates

Republic will not accept greasy pizza boxes

Composting Grant Implementation: Now 4 months free curbside compost service

Beyond the Blue Bin Recycling Group: Monthly updates sent by MR

Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee: County model ordinance is out. 100 Rain Gardens Initiative. New Hav-a-Rain Garden coordinator(s) still needed for 2025.

HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration - Not discussed this meeting

Superfund Site - Not discussed this meeting

Volunteer Opportunities: Hav-a-Rain Garden coordinator 2025, Hav-a-Rain Garden volunteers to assess, design, order and supervise builds, Solarize Delco volunteers needed to screen calls/ online support

Public Comment / New Business

EV conduit being installed at CREC and library
Need to express support for solar installation at Chatham Park - vote is tied currently
Speak at School Board meetings July 18 and August 1

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.