

Haverford Township - Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, August 07, 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

Peter Puglionesi 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), Alexis De Santi (Township Liaison), Alice Grunt & Alexis Pasternack - citizens

July 24 Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval Peter/Victor - approved unanimously

Monthly Update from Alexis De Santi, Haverford Township Special Projects Coordinator
Charging station foundations at the CREC have been poured.

Llanerch rain gardens have been removed but will all go back in, it's on us to replant everything.

Submitted articles for newsletter on rain garden and composting. Also an article will go in for the new charging stations.

Fall workshop for adopt-a-trail groups, but open to other people also, Alexis is asking for us to circulate her flyer, will be on a Saturday from 9-12

We have some info to provide to the streamside properties - Alexis and Joy found the same info

Twp has sent an agreement to aero aggregates for glass recycling, they are reviewing it. Joy would like to set up a workshop when it goes through

Pennoni is reviewing our stormwater code revisions but no feedback yet

We did not get the grant for solar installation but we did get one for 5 level 2 EV stations at the police station

Alexis will discuss making provisions for EV charging upgrades later (adding additional conduit now)

Solar to be installed on the new roof portion of the library

Solar, EV, and streambank info to be added to website

Priority for Action

Haverford Township Day, EAC gathering, and Solar Tour all on Oct 5th.

Hank may be able to present at EAC gathering, Will can assist with materials

Tentative date for Solar Tour - Oct 12th

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http://www.havtwp.org/Boards_and_Commissions.html#sec3

Hank may be willing to do this, Noel has done it before but can't on the 12th. Ruth may be able to do it.

The county's solar array should be on this list, Springfield and Swarthmore and Upper Darby have arrays too. We should see if we can get Springfield on the list. Peter and Noel can propose to the county planning staff, and will mention clean energy co-ops for small businesses/non-profits

Also a rain garden tour could be done, we would want people to sign up for it though Vote for sending out information on the Riparian buffers to HavTwp households living on creeks: 338 households identified, up to \$400 for printing and mailing. Materials not gathered yet - will include intro on riparian buffers, free help available from Stream smart, current ordinance. Identify people to complete info.

Motion to approve up to \$500 subject to Alexis securing legal approval from Twp - Peter. Noel second, approved unanimously

Tree giveaway Fall 2024

Peter has small trees from Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Also has a bunch of Paw Paw trees if anyone wants them. Alexis to discuss with Parks & Rec to determine how many trees they can take.

Update on transition plan for Hav-a-rain Garden - Peter has gotten some more people involved, getting them up to speed and learning how to do assessments.

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: 984 visitors in the last 30 days (10,092, last 12 months)

August 19th 7-9pm: Curbside and Recycling beyond the Blue Bin Workshop [CREC]

August 24th 8-11am: Shredding event [township building]

Joy looking for help giving out materials at the shredding event 8/24 8-11, Victor and Noel can help

October 5th Haverford Township Day

Victor has been attending meetings, needs contacts from Peter for the Rivian/Cybertruck.

Victor to send out the emails based on Joy's from last year. Victor also needs to get the new 2024 Green Zone sheet from Brian.

October 9th 6:30pm: Easy Food Choices for the Planet Workshop [CREC]

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

October 14th HTAS: Recycling Workshop [HHS]

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

Nov 1st - Dec 6th: Pumpkin Collection at Orner's Garden Center

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

Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee - JB, MR - No updates

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

Quarterly Climate Meeting: Conduit to be roughed in at Library to all parking spaces.

Working to get more data on vehicles. Next meeting 9/13/24

Township Solar Committee - JB, PP, VD, JL - No updates

Solarize Marketing - MR, NS, AM, JM

School board voted down a motion to install solar on Chatham Park. Finance & Facilities meeting is 6:30pm on 8/8. To register to speak, email publiccomment@haverfordsd.net with your name, address, phone number, and topic before 3:00 pm on the date of the meeting. We can send comments without attending the meeting.

Slow this year, haven't done much marketing. Not getting a lot of traction with lawn signs and t-shirts... We are trying to Partner with HH to try and get them to put solar on their homes. And we've talked to another affordable developer as well.

Solarize Philly may take us over. They got a huge federal grant to install solar in Philly and the ring counties also. The person that is running it is new and trying to figure it all out.

Peter suggested a reusable lawn sign to promote the upcoming solar tour.

Regional Municipal / County Update

County requested a grant to do composting at their collection station

Expand Residential Tree Canopy – NS

Saw some trees go down this month

Ordinance Subcommittee – AC, NS, JB, PP, RG, PH, TG

Stormwater is back with Pennoni. If they implement our changes, they'll have to go in from of the zoning board again.

Joy to work with Rob on the EV ordinance. The bike ordinance is on hold for now until the safe streets survey is complete.

Alexis: They have approved the bike rack funding, so we should be good to move forward. We need to make sure we follow the upcoming ordinance.

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

Composting Grant Implementation

When newsletter comes out, we get traffic, the mailers work.

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

Beauty care is done

Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee - No updates

HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

Joy to reach out

Superfund Site - No updates

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

Felicia: We are going to have our fall tree giveaway but I don't know the date. We're getting the trees next week. We are considering how we can assist the Twp and individuals with planting new, larger trees, and plant them in the front. What can we do?

Noel: What if the Twp hired an arborist to plant and maintain the trees along the streets?

Peter: Also the regulations do not allow for trees to be planted within 5 feet of the ROW.

So I would suggest that you change that, or create an obligation for the licensed tree contractors to record the caliper etc.

Please let us know if you would like any information placed on the website, we'd be happy to

Alexis Pasternack: I really appreciate the electronics events. Is anyone looking at climate/environmental justice impacts from digital billboards?

Peter: I think the Twp is all over this already.

Alexis Pasternack: Can you make sure the surveys are linked to the CLimate Action Plan? The links in the plan do not work anymore.

To be discussed with Alexis at next meeting

Motion to dismiss, Victor, Henry second, approved.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.