



PUBLIC NOTICE
HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP
Environmental Advisory Board

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Environmental Advisory Board will hold a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, May 04, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting will be hosted through a web meeting platform (Gotomeeting). If you would like to view the meeting or submit a question to the Environmental Advisory Committee, please email Peter S. Puglionesi – Co-Chair - at peter.puglionesi@appliedehs.com or Joy Baxter – Co-Chair – at joybaxter@gmail.com. For those who want to attend virtually a link will be emailed to them.



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MINUTES HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

Environmental Advisory Committee

May 4, 2021

In Attendance

EAC Members 2020-2021: Noel Smyth (1 - D'Emilio) – Allison Carpenter (2 - Oliva) – Megan Schuster Goid (3 - McClusky) – Melisa Romano (4 - Siegel) – Victor Barsky (5 - Lewis) – Henry Eichman (7 - Quinn) – Peter Puglionesi (8 - Hart) – Hank Schwab (9 - Wechsler) – EAC Appointees – Joy Baxter; **Township Liaison** Eileen Mottola **HHS Liaisons** Antonio Meloni, Joshua Mintzer **Visitors/Volunteers:** Stijn Koshari, Jessica Lazzaro, Jennifer McCafferty, Jim Stephens. NOTE: web-meeting posted on web, public can email request to participate.

Approval of Minutes

Prior Meeting Minutes Approval (by P. Puglionesi): motion by M. Schuster Goid; seconded P. Puglionesi; unanimous.

Volunteer to Prepare Tonight's Minutes: P. Puglionesi.

Recycling and Composting Subcommittee (JB, HE, VB, NS, MR)

E-Waste Recycling and Shredding: Several EAC members and volunteers promote other recycling and climate initiatives with posters and lawn signs at the April 10 (shredding) event and will do so again at the May 22 (EWaste) event.

Terracycle: J. Lazzaro indicated that recycling drop-offs are picking up and they are getting ready to send a large shipment.

Composting: J. Baxter requested that the township will procure 40 more Twp subsidized composters at \$25 for residents who attend webinars due the current waiting list and success of the program and that there is a new Google Group for food composting.

Env. Justice/Zero Waste Resolution: The Board of Commissioners did not approve this at their regular April meeting and some suggested that direct communication with the county was more appropriate. P. Puglionesi reported that he provided comments to the 4/15/21 Sustainability Commission meeting where Christine Reuther of the SWA presented on the Solid Waste Authority (SWA). She indicated that the SWA recently voted to issue an RFP for a "needs assessment" study that will hopefully look at alternatives and it is possible that the County / Sustainability Commission will have direct input into drafting the scope. They are able to do a shorter term contract with the Covanta facility and may be inclined to do that to be able to consider the results of the study and have time to pursue waste reduction alternatives. These are the positions EAC recommended in the resolution.

Smoke Alarm/Fire Extinguisher Proposal: No updates from Comm. Hart or Wechsler (Fire Board liaison).

ACTION: J. Baxter and J. McCaffrey will research food composting dropoff options and draft a pilot program proposal.

ACTION: No update. J. Stephens volunteered in Feb. to update “How to Recycle Everything Else”.

HHS Collaboration (J. Mintzer)

J. Mintzer indicated the HHS Environmental Club found someone to do time lapse photography and/or video for the June 6 Hav-a-Rain Garden build they are adopting. Over summer, they may also help with Solarize DelCo information door drops.

Communications Subcommittee (AD, MSG, JM, MR)

This new Subcommittee (Aurora Dizel, Megan Schuster Goad, Jennifer McCafferty, Melisa Romano) will coordinate outreach with extensive use of social media (facebook, nextdoor, etc.).

ACTION J. McCafferty – will inquire about a girl scout program and Chestnutwold Roots and Shoots club participation in environmental outreach and Eileen Mottola will help with her scout contacts.

Climate Action Subcommittee (SC, MSG, RG, JB, NS, JS, MR)

Earth Day April 17, 2021. Videos from this series of 20 minute shorts on climate topics are being edited and will be posted on <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwlSP41eRhD0SUyHxGpY9xQ>.

Climate Action Plan Update/Actions: Meetings are to be scheduled by end of May to review a draft.

Solarize DelCo Outreach/PR: outreach and evaluation of candidates continues for 2021. P. Puglionesi did a brief standup and provided information at an Upper Darby Trail hike. The Communications set up signs and information at the shredding day and will do so again at the May E-Waste Day. Solarize will pay for a DelCo Daily Times ¼ page ad that will reference the web site. Solarize was asked to present at the 5/21 DelCo Sustainability Commission meeting. No update on Radnor proposal to develop a Solarize program.

Villanova Support Project for Climate Activities: Solarize will be meeting Monday to review the new Solarize DelCo web site.

Township Solar Committee: Twp ad hoc committee (J. Baxter, V. Donnay, J. Leith, N. Smyth, B. Suplick, P. Puglionesi) is preparing a draft scope for a township solar installation RFP (bond budgeted at \$500K/\$500K in 2021/2022) and will be virtual meeting with the Commissioner liaisons this Thursday.

Clean Energy Coop – SE Chapter: J. Baxter discussed Lynnewood School solar. They buy low cost power and they could use about \$70,000 in grants to make it more competitive.

Delaware County Sustainability Commission update – C-PACE passed and is available to business solar and energy efficiency upgrades (5.6% interest) using Sustainable Energy Fund – Joy will get a little PR information to circulate.

RF100 Regional Activities: No updates.

Twp Bldg Energy Conservation Study - No update, included in the 2021 budget.

ACTION D. Burman to draft a building energy efficiency study RFP (CREC, Skatium, Twp. Bldg).

EVs and EVSEs (charging stations): No updates. Future tasks – Further revised parking ordin. to enforce low emission vehicle signage; zoning/development condo/apartment requirements.

Quarterly Climate Meeting: No response from township on request to schedule it.

Regional Municipal/County Solar PPA: No updates.

Regional Collaboratives: No updates.

School District Update: No updates.

Green Business Award: No updates.

Haverford Township Day (J. Baxter, M. McCafferty, P. Puglionesi, J. Knox)

J. McCafferty and J. Baxter will coordinate this year's event with assistance from P. Puglionesi and James Knox, who coordinated prior HT Day "Green Zones". J. Baxter will serve on the HT Day committee (run by HT Recreation Dept.). J. Stevens suggested auctioning off a Mantis composter.

Plastic Bag Ordinance (J. Stevens, P. Puglionesi)

No updates. On hold due to COVID and new additional 1 year ban inserted in a budget law putting a hold on local laws until July 1, 2021 or 6 months after the COVID pandemic emergency is lifted.

ACTION: P. Puglionesi to discuss HPED bag idea with Jeanne Angell after the initial BoC action.

Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee (DL, PSP, HE, DH, DS, NS)

No updates. Old action items:

ACTION: V. Donnay to provide a college student point of contact for Rain Garden program.

ACTION: Volunteer needed to draft revisions to the ordinance to clarify on retrofit connections. Also need a Township Development Spec. modification to allow permeable paving.

Upcoming Events

EAC Coordination / Summit Oct 14th, 2020 6:00-8:30 pm. Need to issue minutes.

ACTION: Need a volunteer to coordinate the 2021 EAC Summit.

Social Media

EAC Website. Drafted by M. Romano.

ACTION: P. Puglionesi to review and provide all old referenced documents.

Social Media. "Friends of Haverford Township EAC".

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofHaverfordEAC/>

Contributions to Township / Recreation Newsletters.

Christina Mann / Eileen Mottola now responsible. February submitted. **ACTION:** P. Puglionesi to review/submit next one due est. **5/5/21**. (deadlines 12/20, 3/21, 6/21, 9/21). Rec. Department's HavaGood Times is due 12/20 (3/21, 6/21, 9/21, 12/21).

EAC Annual Report:

2014 done; **ACTION: NEED A NEW VOLUNTEER** Dave Schwartz issued 2015/16 for review; all to review w/in 2 weeks, then we will publish briefer annual reports for 2015/2016/2017. EAC will not present on annual report to BOC in favor of topical presentations as needed.

Superfund Site

No updates.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting / Conference Call

7:30 pm; 1st Tuesday of Month except 1/12; 11/9/21 (1 week back).