

Swarthmore Environmental Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2015

In Attendance: Susan Kelly, Chair; Members: Douglas Hasbrouck, Tracy Bouvette.
No quorum was present to approve minutes.

Meeting began at 7:40.

Old Business:

Growing Green Grant

The Swim Club is in the process of getting the Landowner Grantee agreement executed to support development of the contract documents. Once the contract documents are completed and executed, the contract can begin; may be two more months. Once the contract begins, the EAC will be involved to some extent with the community outreach tasks of the project, interacting with and engaging local property owners and providing comments.

New Business

Swarthmore College Whittier Project

Comments regarding the proposed project were discussed. Tracy had specific comments regarding the design packet, which did not include the design calculations. The design calculations are available upon request. The key comments are as follows:

- i) Infiltration basin design requires soil sampling to support infiltration rate estimates. Have soil samples been collected and tested for permeability and infiltration characteristics beyond simply identifying soil types from past research?
- ii) Design calculations indicating drainage area, design storms, design flows and volumes have not been available for comment, therefore, the adequacy of the design cannot be determined.
- iii) Infiltration system, such as the one specified in the plans are prone to clogging from sedimentation. How will the College implement maintenance programs to offset the naturally occurring plugging of the gravel bed and the perforated piping?
- iv) There is no emergency overflow indicated on the plans, nor are there grading plans that indicate how the overflow will be conveyed prior to discharge from the College property. Is this detail explained in the calculations?

These comments were passed along to Jane Billings.

Curb Alerts on Nextdoor Swarthmore

In response to a request from a few local residents who approached Sue concerning Curb Alerts posted on Nextdoor Swarthmore, many folks may not understand that items left on the curb for recycling and reuse are taken with the trash every Monday morning. Sue will put together a Nextdoor Swarthmore post, and perhaps a Swarthmorean Editorial that indicates that community members should be more aware of the timing of their Curb Alert donations and when the trash pick-up occurs; such that large item waste is not created unintentionally. The EAC suggests that folks consider options for large item donations if the Curb Alert process does not work.

Options may include Habitat for Humanity, American Family Service, and Purple Heart all pick up, and Goodwill, Freestore in Media, and Freecycle of Delaware County are other options for recycling/donating. Signs on the Curb Alert materials telling the trash collectors that some items are for donation only may also help alleviate unwanted removal and disposal.

Adjourned 8:18

Minutes submitted by Tracy Bouvette