

EAC January 2021 Meeting Minutes

Attending

- Aaron S.
- Charles Karl
- Jay Smith
- Chris Richter
- Desiree Rammon
- Joy Bergey
- Melissa
- Zeta Cross
- Baird Standish - BOC Liaison
- Brandon - Staff Liaison
- Stephen H.
- **Visitors:**
 - Caren Levin
 - Patrick Eddis
 - Chris Weth
 - Melissa Brookes

Discussion

- EAC Filling of positions
 - Chair - Aaron S.
 - Vice Chair - Joy Bergey
 - Recording Secretary - Stephen Heverin
- Approval of October minutes
- Social media updates (Chris)
 - Several posts spread out over the past few months

- Some stories from the clean energy sub-committee that we want to tell to the community
- Looking at having us help to blast this out through our social media channels, discussing
- Brandon : replicate what they have done for the library page for the EAC.
- Joy: Commissioner Wilson just submitted a piece to the Chestnut Hill Local today in townships commitment to clean energy.
- Energy Transition Plan Updates
 - Energy Procurement / Energy Efficiency
 - Aaron : sub-committees will be combined
 - Possible to have township participate in a demand response program. Next step to have them look at PECO bills if we could participate on our own, or be combined with another municipality(s).
 - Getting credit through grid operator: energy efficiency credits and street light related credits.
 - EV Group update
 - Desiree - change name of group, more about mobility efficiency (covering more than just hybrid cars)
 - First Hybrid patrol car on the streets in march; post to see what they would be saving. Hybrid ~\$3500 more, payback on that would be ~ 1 yr. With updated gas prices, payback is ~ 1.5 yrs based on more current estimates.
 - Draft of section ~15-16 pages long; seeking input, wordsmithing, consolidation, etc....
 - Upper Dublin is looking towards us, like we have looked at other townships.
 - School District Group
 - Melissa - got a response from Craig Thorn, District Operational Director. Moving forward with his PECO contact for the auditor and will follow-up with us after the initial audit. There is a new business admin, so it will take time. New LED lights, energy efficient chillers, etc...
 - Susan Dannenberg - walkability/rideability connected with Melissa for the Chreshim Trail. Something to build in as part of the larger plan.
- Mermaid Park update
 - BoC approved moving forward with the design process. ~2 months, includes a wetland study and the bid documents.

- Project will restore the stream bank and install a sediment forebay (allow for not having to dredge the pond), dredging the pond. Perimeter trail for passive recreation. Additional funding we are looking at could allow us to widen the path to allow for bicycles as well. Include a connector to the Cheshim Trail.
 - Materials for the path are being considered, possibly pourous, and access for differently abled people.
- Side discussion, Parks and Recs has a program for buying a memorial tree or bench, more information on their website: <https://springfieldmontco.org/departments/parks-recreation/>
- Regional Local Climate Action Plan (LCAP)
 - Brandon - participating in this. Free via ICCLC through Montgomery Co. planning commission for the development of that plan.
 - Broken out to 2 semesters, there is a student assistant that is part of this.
- BOC Update
 - Commissioner Standish - Update on Bouche and James and their padding of hours. Statement about it on website - <https://springfieldmontco.org/information/news-notifications/article/?id=5397>
 - Going to be putting an oversight committee lead by Jeff Harbison
- Staff Update
 - Tank Car - doing due diligence prior to remediation and demolition to make this a park. Registered with EPA as a brownfield to get some assistance.
 - Vaccine - COVID vaccine update on the township website
 - Township was granted a recycling grant, act 902 for a new trash truck. It may not happen, due to legislature reallocating \$50 million from recycling fund to general fund to cover expenses.
- New Business
 - Joy - Christine W. new associate member has resigned.