

EAC March 2021 Meeting Minutes

Attending

- Brandon Ford, Township Manager
- Peter Wilson, BoC
- Stephen Heverin, Recording Secretary
- Joy Bergey, Vice Chair
- Aaron Stemplewicz, Chair
- Zeta Cross
- Melissa Brookes
- Desiree Rammon
- Chris Richter
- Chris Weth
- Jess Klemens, Resident
- Patrick Eddis
- Nicholas Coggins, Resident
- Melinda Wolff, Resident
- Caren Levin
- Charles Karl
- Jay Smith

Agenda & Discussion

- Welcome Members & Guests Approval of Minutes: Feb. 2021 Meeting Minutes – reviewed and approved.
- Old Business & Project Updates
 - Social Media & Communications Update – Chris R.
 - Energy Transition Plan Update – Joy B.

- School update - Melissa - doing assessments in the High School of energy usage, looking to work and build that to a broader and more consistent method in all 4 buildings.
 - Transportation - Desiree - revisions made based on previous feedback, being reviewed in committee. Another meeting with other townships (April 15th - 7:30 PM). Melissa - bikeability/walkability also a component. Is there a way to quantitatively assess this. As a First class township we have the ability to make sidewalks in front of houses happen, but it is not something that has been the pressure to have it done.
 - Municipal campus update - Aaron - Received energy usage from Peter and passed that along. Discussion of feasibility of putting solar on municipal buildings. Pat Hines has volunteered to use the energy portfolio tool, needs underlying data. Follow-up on sub-committee meeting.
 - Recycling Contract & Composition Study – Peter W. & Brandon F. Former TCCA/Tank Car Remediation – Brandon F.
- New Business
 - Associate Members Recommendation for Melissa Brooks – A. Stemplewicz
 - Water Quality/PFAS Discussion - Aaron
 - <https://www.delawariverkeeper.org/ongoing-issues/perfluorooctanoic-acid>
 - <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>
 - All Spotted Lanternfly – S. Heverin & Z. Cross
 - Coordinate w/ Parks and Rec with what they are doing.
- Partner Update/Community Open Forum Commissioner/Township Update
 - Obtained some grants for being able to evaluate this as part of a multi-municipality discussion.
 - Our part, segregated our recycling trash and ran it through their process. Will provide a report of how much recycling was unusable.



Montgomery County Consortium of Recycling Communities

- Abington – Alternative MRFs
- Cheltenham – Market Analysis
- Hatboro – Education
- Plymouth
- Springfield – Collections
- Upper Dublin – Transfer Station
- Upper Moreland – Contract

Consortium Member	Households Served	Program Type	Automated or Manual	Containers	Collection Frequency	Routes per Day	Collection Days	Total Routes	2019 Recycling Quantities (tons)
Abington ¹	18,200	Dual Stream	Automated	35 or 65 gallon carts	Weekly	6 (3 paper, 3 comingled)	5	30	2,910
Cheltenham	9,467	Single Stream	Automated	35, 65, or 95 gallon carts	Weekly	3	4	12	3,008
Hatboro	2,200	Single Stream	Manual	32 gallon containers	Weekly	1	4	4	660
Springfield	6,900	Single Stream	Manual	32 gallon containers	Weekly	1	5	5	2,222
Upper Dublin ²	8,500	Single Stream	Automated	64 gallon carts	Weekly	2	5	9	2,803
Plymouth	4,900	Single Stream	Manual	32 gallon containers	Weekly	2	4	8	1,265
Upper Moreland	7,200	Single Stream	Automated	96-gallon carts	Weekly	2	4	8	2,029
Totals	57,367							76	14,897

- Things that prevent recycling from being processed (garden hoses, debris, etc...)
- Extended Producer Responsibility laws - possible future discussion on understanding what this means.
- Tank Car site - being turned into the park. Seeking 'brownfield' money from EPA for assistance. Phase 2 study will assess current conditions to determine how successful previous cleanup was done (deep & shallow water monitoring with soil samples). Next phase will remediate structures on site (cleanup and demo of buildings)
- Township tree treatment from last year - Parks and Rec has started a campaign in the parks to take action. Elephant park treatment from last year has appeared effective. No plans at this time to treat again, but will be monitored.

- Township Update
 - Approved conversion Sherman Williams to a bank.
 - Recycling update (covered above)
 - Narcon distribution this Sat.
 - Check out the police community survey on the township website.
 - Director of Public Works, Don is retiring - 49 years.
 - New Enfield school and traffic control.
- Earth Day Activities (April 22nd) - possible blast of environment related posts during that week.

Regular Recurring Events/Actions

- Annually:
 - Community Day
 - EAC Domain name renewal.
- Monthly:
 - EAC Meeting & subcommittee meetings
- Next Meeting:
 - Investigation of organizations that can do bikeability/walkability studies of townships to provide recommendations and benefit analysis.
- Meeting Schedule: (Informal meetings)
 - Transportation - 1st Wed at 7:30 PM
 - Communications - 3rd Wed at 10:30 AM
 - Municipal Buildings - 4th Thursday at 8:00 PM
 - If you want to join a meeting, contact Joy for Zoom (or Brandon)