

EAC July Meeting Minutes

July 27th 7 PM

Springfield Township Library

Attending

- Stephen Heverin, Zeta Cross, Brandon, Joy Bergey, Aaron Stemplewicz, Peter Wilson, Pat Hynes, Desiree Rammon

Guests

- Cynthia Kreilick , T Scott Kreilick, Cecilia Dougherty, Melissa Laffen, Dr. Alexandra Klinger

Minutes

- Welcome
- Approval of Minutes - reviewed and approved
- Public Comment
- Special Guest / Presentations
 - Non-Toxic Springfield - presented who they are and their goals to reduce of pesticides by residents in the township and partnering with the EAC to help educate residents of the township on alternatives for non-toxic pest control.
 - Willing to donate 100 'pesticide free zone' signs for awarding to residents of the township who adopt these practices. Dedicate that you are doing 4 things to support that to get the sign.
 - Montgomery County Maryland has banned pesticides in their county
 - Toxic Free Philly
 - Monday September 12th 7-8:30 PM at the Free Library of Springfield Township
 - Aaron - Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) - separate item on conducting a native plant swap it can be a challenge and needs to be well advertised. It becomes unwieldy quickly, even when you know what you are doing.
- Motion to authorize to purchase of items for giveaway for EAC table at community day, approx \$500 (*mainly dunks*)
- Old Business
 - EAC Social Media Comms update - skipped this month

- Renewable Springfield Update - Joy -
 - Municipal Facility Summer Energy Audit - this was approved by BoC.
 - Richard - can we estimate the residential use in the township?
A: DVRPC is working on an update (latest is 2015, released in 2018) but a new one is coming out, likely 2025.
 - Aaron - book "Electrify" by Saul Griffith - https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/56702078-electrify?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=sKwMmt6Tzj&rank=1
 - Brandon - What about EAC developing a "recommended reads" list.
 - Melissa - Audience suggestion - environmental "tip of the week"
 - Community Wide Solar Tour - Oct 1-2, 2022 - Sponsored by National Solar Advocacy Group - find local owners who are willing to talk about this. BoC has endorsed this again this year allowing us to advertise this. Had 10 last year, would like to get at least 15 people.
 - National Drive electric week - Same week as solar tour. - <https://driveelectricweek.org/>
 - Weavers Way is September 24th - local drive electric week - <https://weaversway.coop/>
 - School District - Aaron reached out to School Board President - they are working on grants for buses as part of their work. (Yay!)
- Creating Supplemental Recycling Brochure
- Review Feedback from educational meeting w/ new recycling processor
- Plastic Bag Ban survey - Review results - send letter and sample ordinance and doing presentation. Part of that presentation would be a request to advertise the ordinance. May get pushed to September meeting b/c of other items on the agenda.
- New Business
 - Aaron - audit our landscaping equipment - take a look at it, turnover rate, spending on fuel, maint., replacement and if it makes sense to transition to a fleet of electrified equipment.
 - Broadcasting EAC Meetings - Aaron idea on a volunteer led. Wants to come up with something to pilot it. Broadcast only to start, and see if there is interest a pilot and grow as needed.

- Sustainable Springfield
 - Discuss and review the township process in recertifying in PA Sustainable Communities program.
 - Richard - idea in discussion with others about having a check for things the township and board to, indicating "have you considered the impact on climate change for this decision?"
 - Table agenda item for September to dive into this more.
- BoC Update - approval of summer muni audit. Tuesday Aug 2nd National Night out. Eng contract to abate and demo the tank car property. Auth to advertise bids for the gabions at Cisco. Byser fields bids were all rejected due to all being high. Mermaid project started this week. Trail construction will start next month.

Actions

- Joy will follow-up Chris R. about getting it posted to the EAC FB page.
- Aaron to coordinate with non-Toxic Springfield
- EAC - develop a list of recommended reads related to environmental justice and sustainability.
- Brandon send around pricing for recycling brochure printing for giving out w/ recycling cans and for community day.
- Stephen - put "Brandon Branding" on the survey presentations and send it around again.
- Brandon - send around the Sustainable Communities - so we can review and provide additional feedback.