

EAC June 26th 2023- Minutes

7 PM Free Library of Springfield Township

Attending

- Aaron, Martin, Brandon, Stephen, Desiree, Brendon May
- Community attendance:
 - John English

Minutes

- Presentation to Brandon of award of recognition of his work with the EAC over the past 4 years.
- Welcomed Commissioner May & our newest full member Martin.
- Associate Member position open for consideration. Discussed, and unanimously approved Gail Farmer as the new associate member.
- New Staff Liaison - Chuck will be taking Brandon's place.
- Public Comment / Outreach
- Old business
 - [2023 EAC Native Plant sale](#) - 10 responses - positive response, want us to do it again with more plants :)
 - [2023 No Mow May](#) - 16 responses - 100% say they will do it again. All reported engagement with between 5-25 people during the program. Also observed a lot of people just stopping and reading the sign. 4 of the 16 people reported getting negative feedback about the program. Negative comments were around the look of the lawn. Feedback was to do the program again and go bigger.
- Native plants - means pre-European settlers if it would have grown here.
- Update on Renewable Springfield presentation to BoC on energy audit findings.
- Practical Sustainability talk - discussed the session and some feedback on it. Small attendance but well recieved
- Electric Lawn demo - Toro demoed their commercial equipment. Put together by Ian Hammer, Dir. Of Public Works.
 - 4 of our riding mowers, 1/2 are close to EOL.
 - Public works employees liked the equipment.
 - Administration was very open to electrifying.
 - Try to do a demo at community day of residential electric equipment.
- Motioned put forward unanimously to put forward to the BoC to reconsider the ordinance with the program guide to go with it.
- Meadow promotion / preservation - DEP w/ conservation district will be looking to start a program for "lawns to meadows"
- Regional EAC meeting lead - Martin will lead to coordinate with other EACs
- EAC will transition to a QR code w/ Google form to do sign-ins to meeting w/ an option.
- Township update

- Craigh Lloyd , assistant finance direct will be assistant twp mgr. Will be hiring for a part time finance position.
- Hiring for a police receptionist, moving to a specialist and full time position.
- Discussed opportunity for a community police relations commission.
- Future agenda item - EAC shirts! Motion to get a natural fiber shirts for the EAC.
- Next month agenda item - review proposed guidelines for EAC social media posting.

Actions

- Make sure in November we order 400+ plants for the next native plant sale. Make sure to cover estimate for cost in August for budget.
- All come up with 5 things that other EAC's would be interested in meeting for an EAC Summit.