

EAC Meeting Minutes

January 26th 2022 – 7 PM

Free Library of Springfield Township

Attending

Pat Hynes
Peter Wilson
Joy Bergey
Brandon Ford
Richard Metz
Desiree Rammon
Stephen Heverin
Chris Richter (via phone)
Zeta Cross
Melissa Brookes

Minutes

- Welcome Pat Hynes as full member and Richard Metz as an associate member.
- Election of officers - motion made and approved to table the election until February meeting.
- November meeting minutes approved.
- Social media update - good traction, a bit of a dip in content for publishing. Looking to get content. Comm committee met recently. Would like to put a face to the EAC, solicit bios and headshots for all the members. A paragraph or so about why you are interested in the EAC and why you are involved and ppl should be involved. Deadline to get to Chris, by the next meeting. Let Chris know if you want to opt out.
- Hybrid police cars - mileage for a hybrid vs. 2014 ICE, slightly less than half consumed in gas comparing the two. Getting calls from other municipalities who are also looking at hybrid police vehicles.
- Renewable Springfield
 - Transportation committee update - Call with our head of public works. Will continue with regular calls and is looking at definitely addressing small engine equipment. Still need to look longer term at larger engine equipment. Will continue to update the plan annually. But will look to get the current version approved for formal publication.
(Overall plan)
 - Finalized plan - 1) EAC finalize the plan, and 2) send it to BoC and ask them to adopt the plan.
 - Want to have the baseline out there as the 12/31/2021 plan.
 - Motion made and passed to put forward plan for formal publication.
 - Need someone to volunteer to write up the municipal building plan. - Stephen volunteered to write up the draft, Joy to send draft samples

- Pat - Utility bill review, found we were paying sales tax which we should not have been.
 - 4 suburban counties working with DVRPC to figure out how and where to install utility scale solar that would power county operations for them. Any county building. Leaving the door open for municipalities to also buy clean power for their own operations. Did an analysis last year to get an expert to help assist with this process to determine what they would need before looking at sites.
 - Brandon can provide the link to the meeting where this was presented.
 - Philly is building one out in Adams county out past Harrisburg
 - Brownfields are being looked at as an option.
 - Municipal roofs for solar, are being looked at for our township to see how that is.
 - Community - how do we start to reach out to the community to engage them in adoption.
 - South Eastern PA Sierra Club wants to host montly webinars like the one on bitcoin and coal use in the state.
 - Know how to do a lot of stuff, but heating is still one to be tackled
 - Need to educate contractors as well.
- Techno Trash
 - First motion - vote to remove VHS and cassette tapes as of Feb 18th - passed unanimously.
 - Second motion - vote to adjust budget to double what is allocated to techno trash.
- Jeff's recycling brochure - Stephen to put together initial draft for our own version.
- Richard Metz - discuss draft surveys for sending out to the public. Part of an organized (Feb 1st is next meeting) with 9 other townships. Ambler BoC is voting soon on their plastic bag ban. Will be making a request for \$500 in reusable bags for low income ppl.
 - Provide feedback to then be able to provide EAC approval to then bring to the BoC.
- Adjourned.

Actions/Next Steps

- Next EAC meeting: X 7 PM, Library building
- Elect board members scheduled for Feb. meeting.
- Joy - send Stephen samples for writing the draft plan
- Stephen - write draft of municipal building plan.
- Brandon - send link to county meeting discussing the power plan.