

EAC Meeting Minutes – April 2021

Attending

- Joy Bergey, Stephen Heverin, Brandon Ford, Charles Karl, Patrick Eddis, Jay Smith, Peter Wilson, Melissa Brookes, Pat Hynes, Katherine Wilde

Minutes

- Welcome & Approval of Minutes: New Associate Member - Melissa Brookes
- Approval of March 2021 Meeting Minutes - Approved no objections.
- Public Comment Partner Update/Special Presentations:
 - Rotary Club Request for Support for Lighting Project at Cisco Park : wanting to continue to support the ongoing improvements of the park. On the Gazebo and the community sign-board. "Boat House Row" style type of LED lighting (e.g. color controlled). ~\$17k funded by Rotary. Looking for EAC in support of this project. Currently lighting in gazebo isn't great and signboard is not lit at all. Also a light on the American Flag and pole there.
 - Motion raised and approved in support of writing a letter from the EAC to the BoC in support of the Rotary lighting project in Cisco Park in next 30 days.
 - 2nd motion for engage Rotary in a commitment with Rotary in inclusion of information on EAC and sustainable lighting. Motion raised and approved to table a commitment for EAC funds use on this topic.
 - Suggested follow-up with Mandy to engage Parks and Rec as well.
 - 2021 Virtual EAC Conference Recap – several EAC members “Hot Topics” Panel (Co-Benefits, Smart Growth, RF100, EVs) Strategies and Successes in Community Engagement Sustainability Planning Introduction to PA Municipal Government - Where do EACs Fit? Healthy Communities - What Can we Do?
 - Should we have a point person who can monitor what other EAC's are doing?
- Old & New Business
 - Social Media & Communications Update – Chris R.
 - Renewable Springfield Branding – Joy B. Energy Transition Plan Update – Joy B., Desiree R., Melissa B.
 - Logo and name reviewed and approved to better communicate our RF100 initiative.
 - "Renewable Springfield" - A path to a clean energy future
 - SolSmart Application Update – Brandon F.

- Planters on Willow Grove Avenue – A. Stemplewicz
 - Aaron - send out list and pick something to recommend. EAC would fund educational signs.
 - How many barrels? ~12
- Joy - Put forward the idea of having a lawn sign (small 1 ft sq) for those who have solar. get permission from BoC to purchase domain name for the sign. Brandon suggests tying this ask into the 1 yr update from the EAC on our RF100 project.
 - Discussion on this around maybe incorporating a singular sign to direct people to a more interactive site across a number of EAC Topics.
 - Melissa suggesting a way to get an interactive map.
- BoC Update - Peter Wilson - discussions on Anti-Asian Hate. 308 Haws Lane discussion. Developers will have May 28th open house at Flourtown Country Club to review and comment on the plan. Retirement of crossing guard. Talking to Sandy Run CC about improved storm water management on Berton Road. Passed resolution for extending filing of earned income taxes to May 17th. Agreed to reduce speed limit on Paper Mill road between Gulf and Church by 10 mph. Stop sign on Paper Mill and Edaan road. Traffic stuff for New Enfield to look at effect of the school on traffic. Passed resolution 1529 to support PA State house to allow local police departments to use radar (this is to encourage the state to say yes to encourage another tool in traffice enforcement). Obtained grant for police body cameras.
- PUC - A "time of use" tariff - coming into play in September. Different rates during the day. Need clarification on date it is effective.
- RF100 - Melissa - school district update. Craig Thorn is engaged and wants to be more engaged with the districts participation. Erdenheim and middle school are both geothermal. And it is working well. New Enfield school was looked at as part of construction. Just went through re-education of staff on waste management. Also working with sustainability leads at the school and possibly La Salle. Also got data on the fuel use of the fleet. Just purchased new vehicles. Looking to replace those in ~ 10 yrs.
 - Stephen volunteered to help with getting messaging to various school related FB sites to get parents engaged.
- Transportation update - read in from Deseriee who could not attend.
 - Drive electric week - September
 - Good report from Solberry township on their use of hybrid police vehicles - had for a few years. Love it, no issues.
- Police Hybrid is in, and is in fleet garage getting all decked out.
- Open Forum/Public Comment Commissioner/Township Update

- Pat Hynes - ask about if they are putting in the trail as agreed to for property near Willow Grove Ave.
 - Peter/Brandon will follow-up w/ township engineer to confirm. Brandon confirmed on plan the trail is on the plan. 26 houses on the property.
- Melissa - Do we have a recycling point person for people who have questions? Is there a mechanism to ask these questions?
 - Brandon - we can look to put something up. There is a report coming to the township that will include an educational piece. This includes a composition study of our recycling.