

# EAC October Meeting Minutes

October 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 7PM

Springfield Township Library

## Attending:

Susie (for Peter), Zeta, Stephen, Brandon, Richard, Joy, Chris, Desiree, Pat, Aaron,

## Guests:

Erin Landis, Watershed Program

Issabelle Coupet, Green Building United

Chris Weyth

Patrick Eddis

## Minutes

- Minutes - approved with amendment.
- Green Building United presentation : education and strategy (<https://greenbuildingunited.org/>)
  - Energy Star for Homes (<https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/home-performance-energy-starr>)
  - Repair: Stabilize, Air seal, Reflective Roog
  - Reduce: Weatherize, Insulate, Switch to LEDs, Smart thermostats
  - Replace: cooking, heat, hot water.
  - Regular maintenance.
  - EPA site for finding rebates available from the IRA (Inflation Reduction Act)
  - Energystar DIY Assessment - <https://www.energystar.gov/campaign/assessYourHome?s=mega>
  - Question around education for trades on these new technologies and getting more of them aware to be able to provide that to their customers.
- Wissahickon Trails - Watershed Programs Manager - Erin Landis
  - Has an advocacy webinar for residents to advocate.

- Municipal education sub-committee
- Social Media Update
  - 400 followers
- Renewable Springfield Update
  - Connected with school district and engaged with them on it. District has moved to LEDs for their campus. Part of a demand response program through PECO.
  - Waste Management may be doing the school lunch waste for compost. Seeking more information.
  - Looking to get funding for electric school buses.
  - Looking to get an energy audit similar to the township. Already using geothermal on two of the buildings.
  - Has not set targets like we have for clean energy.
  - Possible future ideas and programs discussed as well.
- Municipal buildings committee - still trying to address getting solar on the municipal campus buildings. New IRA option for municipalities for 'direct pay'.
- Future discussions on electrifying landscaping.
- Doing a presentation with a group on the energy audit success in our township.
- Bird Town Update
  - Upcoming zoom meeting on Sat. (Bird Town summit)
  - Patrick, Zeta will be attending to bring back ideas.
  - Should consider updating the Bird Town sign in 2023 to align with the changes to Bird Town organization.
- EAC conference attendee recap
  - Zero waste resolution (initiative)
  - DVRPC working with surrounding munis for a large scale installation to provide power for the county campuses.
  - Haverford building - very modern, exceptional building.
- Township Updates
- Montgomery County is doing its plan.

Future topics/idea bucket:

- Susie - township an incentive for home energy audit.
- Aaron - send links on the air quality from gas.
- Salting presentation - education materials for residents on minimizing salt usage.
  - Erin - social media graphics
- Cornell Bird app - Merlin