

EAC July 26th 2023 - Minutes

7 PM Free Library of Springfield Township

Attending

- Chuck, Peter, Pat, Stephen, Gail, Joy, Desiree, Martin, Aaron, Zeta, Patrick

Minutes

- Welcome Chuck Baily, new staff liaison
- Welcome Gail Farmer, new associate member
- Guests:
 - Bud Cook, Bernadette - no specific agenda items
- Minutes
 - May minutes - correction "Officer Fantry"
 - Motion to approve, 2nd and passed for May and June with the noted correction

Old Business

- Review the advertisement of the bag ordinance, its current status and what happens next for the board vote on it and then the activities of the program guide for the implementation assuming a positive vote.
- Solar education - still more work to be done. Push to October or November from the original.
- Heat Pump presentation - Stephen to follow up w/ Steve Campbell on doing it. There Rex Plumbing, Ryan, who also has expertise in this. Aaron - John Prost who specializes in whole home electrification, does a lot of consulting. Has an interest in doing that.
- Home electrification - shift this from Stephen to John Prost to set that presentation up.
- Muni buildings update - Target September for the next update. Over \$200k of savings over 2 years and 150k of CO2 emissions. New system in place for getting the PECO bills in place to Pat to keep tracking that. Looking for more data on the savings of the Hybrids. They've already saved the cost of buying a new hybrid.
 - Desiree needs the fleet information after the end of the year.
- Rec center planning update - on the former Seven Dolors site. Pitch from us is for it to be a net-zero building. Which has been well received by board and the rec center committee. Wants to bring in Practical Energy solutions to that process.
 - Joy would like the EAC to draft a letter in support of this, will pick this up in September. One aspect of the rec center should be air quality, especially if it will function as a shelter. Kathy Wilde has an offer on the table to present to us as a leed certified practitioner.
- Working with other municipalities - Joy invited to a podcast by Sierra club with other EAC's next Monday. Will be published later on Spotify.
- Aaron - clarification - if we (EAC associate or full members) will be doing public speaking if you are representing as part of the EAC it needs to be brought up in the meeting before you have it.
- Feedback on the Toro commercial electric demo - Public Works will be putting in a request to replace some of their equipment with electric equipment. In conversation, EAC will provide info on the savings and rebates for Public Works and the board. Aaron to work with Desiree and the contact the outside rep and Public Works to gather the data in the long term support of this.
 - Next steps for EAC : Education of commercial landscapers and residents on electrification of landscaping equipment.

- School District outreach - Scheduled to meet in August, may be pushed off. Joy will connect 1 on 1 with Dr. Yannaconne. Will have a meeting in August with the students who've been engaged. Joy has also reached out to the Mount and LaSalle, some interest from them.
 - Joy to get a cert from Chuck to recognize Celia for her work with the EAC. Motioned and unanimous vote to approve that certificate of recognition.
- Techno Trash - still getting good traction
- Community Day - Martin - please email all of us 3 ideas for community day and then use the August meeting to decide what we'll be doing. October 1st, Sunday.
- PA Sustainable Communities - Stephen to follow-up w/ Brandon about those docs.
- Upper Dublin EAC gathering was cancelled in lieu of the We Conserve fall gathering.
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New business

- PEC - has put together code reviews for ordinances and such; they would like to do that for us. Joy will discuss with Chuck how to proceed for that.
- We Conserve Fall gathering - Sat. October 21st - a terrific opportunity to attend if you are able. 2 Opportunities to speak: Lighting Round and on the Is your EAC Struggling. Joy and Martin will sign up. Need to sign up by Aug. 1st if you are doing a presentation.
- Zeta - anything with a plug event - see if we as an EAC can put together this event. Have to pay 600\$ to Junk Luggers to carry the stuff and take it away. Aaron checked w/ Faran on them and didn't have anything big.
 - Questions: What is the capacity and what are they doing?
 - They need 5 volunteers
 - More need to be answered
 - Possibly pairing it with the School.
- 2024 Native Plant sale - Zeta would like to look at our strategy for the plant sale and see if there are other ways to do it, or do it better. Target the October meeting for planning.
- IRA - Lower Merion Township - [Sustainability | Lower Merion Township, PA](#) - [Sustainability Incentives for Individuals & Households | Lower Merion Township, PA](#) - We'll take up looking at getting information out on the federal and state rebates and stuff available to residents to take advantage of

Township Updates

- Plastic bag ordinance advertised.
- Passed ordinance to more strictly enforce small motorized vehicles.
- Approved final purchase of 380 Haws Lane. Will be separated into two parcels. Back part is 2.7 and the front is 2 acres. Will be allowed to construct 16 townhomes in a 5-1 vote. Will still need to go through the normal SALDO process for the townhomes.

Actions

- Stephen - send minutes to Jamie (with correction) for publication. Copy Chuck & Aaron.
- Stephen - send out draft minutes of this meeting.
- Stephen - follow-up w/ Steve Campbell on the heat pump presentation.
- Zeta - Get from Junk Luggers what is their capacity for that? What they need for control and volunteers? Traffic control? Typical volumes they see.
- Aaron - reach out to Jeff about the junk luggers.
- Aaron - take a look at embedding the purple air monitor so you don't have to include

- Zeta - do research on the plant sale for the October meeting and invite any guests to speak at the October meeting.