

EAC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

EAC Members Present:

Stephen Heverin, Chair
Mara Baird
Stacy Blankin
Vivianne Englund-Callahan
Seth Wilson

EAC Associate Members Present:

None

Commissioners/Staff Present:

Tom Bell
Chuck Baily

1. General – meeting called to order; Seth minute taker for the meeting; previous minutes approved
2. Board of Commissioners update
 - The inflow and infiltration plugging has been successful in the Township. There are stormwater projects moving forward including (1) streambank stabilization and (2) diverting water from homes in problem areas.
 - Several EAC members expressed a willingness and request to the Township to be more involved. A discussion ensued regarding project priority, which appears to be undefined. Mara expressed concerns about Township money being used for individual projects as opposed to those projects which would benefit the Township as a whole. There was also discussion about the use of outdated technology (i.e. the gabions in Cisco). Finally, there was a question about the vitality of an old, 10 year plan for stormwater management.
 - Tom reported that a project list will be made available. As a group, the EAC requested the opportunity to review and understand project plans prior to Township meetings to enable the EAC to provide meaningful information to the BOC. To that end, Mara will prepare a memo to send to the Township expressing the EAC's interest in becoming involved in stormwater projects. Tom/Chuck agreed to contact Don Berger regarding EAC the existing plans.
3. Staff update – none
4. Visitor issues

- a. Michelle Podulka was present for purpose of learning about the EAC.

5. Partner update

- a. Sustainable Springfield – none
- b. Stephen requested that EAC members reach out to potential partners for the Cisco Park project. Members should email Stephen with potential partners.

6. Sun Articles

- a. Joe will write a composting article for April publication.
- b. Stephen volunteered to write a fertilizer article for May publication.
- c. Seth volunteered to write a mosquito spraying article for June publication.
- d. Stacy volunteered to write a home composting article for July publication.

7. EAC Brochures

- a. We plan to create a composting brochure which will be distributed and made available on the web. The topics will include those set forth in the April Sun article as well as home compost and disposal of animal waste.

8. EAC Activities

- a. Earth Day was discussed and decided it was too late to plan anything.
- b. Grants/Cisco park
 - 1) Decided that we need to pick grants. Will explore 4 – Lenfest, Fish and Wildlife, Claneil Foundation, and Cora L. Brooks Foundation.
 - 2) It was decided that north side will be done professionally; south side will be done with volunteers.

9. Old Business – none

10. New Business – none