

EAC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

EAC Members Present:

Stephen Heverin, Chair
Mara Baird
Stacey Blankin
Vivianne Englund-Callahan
Joe Slapinsky

EAC Associate Members Present:

Patrick Eddis
Michelle Podulka

Commissioners/Staff Present:

Chuck Baily

1. General – Meeting called to order; Stacey minute taker for the meeting; previous minutes approved.
2. Board of Commissioners Update:
 - a. The BOC is accepting names for the open position on the EAC.
 - b. Joe Slapinsky will serve as alternate TTF board representative.
3. Staff Update
 - a. EAC Budget to be approved.
 - b. Lenfest grant was denied.
 - c. Wissahickon Watershed Multi-Municipal MS4 Stormwater Education training program will be held February 6th.
 - d. There is a new grant opportunity that Chuck mentioned. It is through PA DCNR and the due date is April 10.
4. Grant Update
 - a. Cora Brooks: We received notification that we could receive \$1000. Steve will reply and explain that we are waiting to hear from at least 2 other grants. He will also let them know that we have a back-up plan if those opportunities fall through – perhaps we will purchase some trees to use as a “stepping stone.”

- b. Lenfest: no
 - c. Wells Fargo: no word yet; probably a long shot.
 - d. PA DCNR: EAC assigned Seth to look into what is required for the grant application and to organize the effort. Joe will attend a DCNR workshop on February 6 to learn more about the grant program.
5. Sun articles / Newsletters
- a. We have a new contact: Linda Finarelli. Deadline to submit articles is COB Tuesday for publication that Thursday.
 - b. Schedule of future Sun articles:
 - January – Mara – Food Waste
 - February – Stacey – Sustainable Chocolate
 - March – Vivienne – Idling
 - April – Joe – Earth Day Wrap up
 - May – Patrick
 - June – Stephen
 - July – Michelle
 - August – Joe
 - September – [recap of Community Day]
 - October – Seth
 - November – TBD
 - December – TBD [holiday themed]
6. Earth Day Event
- a. WVWA feels that Sandy Run Park might not be ready for EAC to do a clean up event. They suggested that we could participate in their annual event on April 27th.
 - b. Joe and Patrick will follow up with WVWA to see how the EAC can support their event.
 - c. Mara expressed interest in doing an educational effort in celebration of Earth Day, similar to what the EAC did a few years ago when they handed out a brochure on how to protect the watershed and delivered it door-to-door. Consensus was that perhaps we could do this sort of activity in conjunction with publication of our next brochure.

7. Partner Update
 - a. Sustainable Springfield – Read React has started up again and is held the 3rd Thursday of each month. They are currently reading “No Impact Man.” The next meeting is February 21 from 7:00 to 8:45 pm at the library. They will discuss the book and possibly see part of the movie.
 - b. TTF – no; Green Seeds – no
8. Planning Activities
 - a. Next Brochure: Composting. We have 3 articles – Food Waste, Pet Waste and Compost that we can draw upon. Joe will add section on vermiculture. We will also add a section about How and When to use compost.
 - b. Workshop #2: Anticipated 10/2013 – Michelle and Stacey developed some topics for consideration. Stacey to circulate list for EAC to vote on.
 - c. Lecture: Anticipated 6/2013 – Mara and Seth will look into “Finding a Green Energy Supplier.”
9. Other
 - a. Joe attended PHS’ Tree Tender Training and is now a Jr. Lorax.
 - b. Shade Tree Commission: Stacey will reach out to Chair Jennifer Ponce to see if they would be interested in collaborating and at very least attend one of our meetings.
 - c. Joe noted that Springfield is an official “Tree City.”

Meeting adjourned.