

# 22 Jan 2020 Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 6:51 PM

## Minutes

- Alex – WWVA presentation
- Elections – Aaron, new chair. Joy, vice-chair. Recording secretary – Stephen
- Approval of 2019 minutes tabled until next meeting
- Board Updates – In March will start collecting leaf waste, as part of an agreement with the DEP, will now be extended weekly. Everything but grass will be collected. Have been working with DEP to tailor this program and expand its usage. Prior we have the fall collection program and also an extended drop-off collection. usage. This will run all year except for January.
  - As part of this rollout, the EAC will be helping to educate the township residents on what to and not to put into this extended collection.
- Mermaid Park Project – this came out of a smaller assessment in the township as low hanging fruit projects which the township could tackle to address storm water management and serve as an example to others as to what they can do for remediation of storm water on their properties.
  - 3 grants have been submitted to help defray costs
  - ~\$247 for all the work, including the dredging.
  - Last dredged in 1999.
  - Will include educational signage
  - Include the USDA which borders the property and engage with them.
- PA Sustainable Community Certification – applied for this via BOC authorization. Beyond recognition of this certification, it allows us and others who have certifications to share information. Also helps with grant applications.
- Energy Audit and Purchase agreement : around the new municipal campus. From that audit, went into a 2<sup>nd</sup> part which provided actionable recommendations to improve the efficiency of our campus buildings.
  - They were onsite today tuning the controls of the buildings based on this assessment.
- Municipality has entered into a 12 month agreement for all campus buildings to only purchase renewable electric for the campus at .06/kwh.
- RF100 Update
  - Local group meets the last Monday of every month.
- Staff update :
  - Mark Pencale – new planning and zoning director. Comes to us from Abington.
  - 2 Chargers in place in library parking lot, and are in regular roof.
  - Board passed the historic overlay ordinance; opt in.
- Solarized Springfield – brief update on what the organization is and the upcoming plans for a solar open house in the township
- Partnership with Shade Tree for Arbor Day in 2020 – This will be a campus open house. April 25<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) [Its also the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day]
  - Aaron would like to get the Ecology Flag to hand out as part of this event.
  - Melissa Brooks is looking for people to do presentations as part of a school imitative – Doing this on earth day for the elementary school.
- 2020 Workshops & Events
  - Leaf collection
  - Aaron – Helping folks navigate how to shop for clean energy; could be a quick and easy workshop
  - Rain Barrell / Composting Workshop
  - Brandon – put out a calendar of these events. First one should be the leaf collection.
  - Native Plants – April

- Vegetation pickup – March
- Energy Workshop – TBD
- Solarized Open House – TBD (October-ish)
- 2020 Goals and Priorities
  - Outreach to schools
  - RF 100
  - Climate Parents
- Looking for more information to come around a solution used for Strawberry bugs out west that could be leveraged for use in the SLF.

## Attending

Aaron, Zeta, Brandon, Peter, Jay, Joy