

26 Feb 2019

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 7:03 PM

Guests Attending

- Charlie Carl - gen env interests
- Alexander Klinger - gen interest
- Maggie Chen (sp)
- Melissa Brooks -EEHSP lower school sustainability
- Chris Rictor - Env leader in Wissihicken, Tree tender
- Janet Caputo - env interest in native plants
- Chris Weth - Oreland, gen interest
- Patrick Eddis - gen interest
- Desiree - Env. Engineer

Committee Attending

- Brandon
- Joy
- Peter
- Aaron
- Zeta (Late)

Minutes

No objections to meeting notes

No Quorum for tonight

Brandon shared information regarding our becoming a Gold Certified Communities through Sustainable PA.

- Top 3 subcategories : Land Use: Community, Environment : Water, Governance :Operations
 - Municipal campus was built toward Silver Leed status
- Bottom 3 subcategories : Governance : Sustainability, Energy Use : Municipal Use, Land Use : Waste and Recycling
 - Sustainability - not just env. but also social and economic issues
 - Social cohesion - we have this but we don't have it in the governance.
 - Same w/ economic sustainability.
 - No umbrella program to capture all three
 - There are also targets for diversity and inclusion

Joy - Energy Audit results

- From this audit, will save \$16k/year based on the passement and adjustments.
- Melissa Brooks - can we use this for the schools?

BOC Update - Peter

- Interviews for township solicitors
- A number of additions to new committees and reappointments to existing committees
- Accepted revised proposal for Lava Rock (Lloyed Estate). Runs across township borders. Taking same approved plan forward which was presented under a diff. developer. ~33 homes in Springfield side. The Cheltenham side is zoned differently. A lot of opposition on the Cheltenham side for density.
- 380/402 Haws Lane - adjacent to Harsten Hall - awaiting submission of a revised proposal from the one that was rejected about 12 months ago. B/C of zoning plan, it is zoned for institutional use.

Township Mgr Update

- New curbside leaf collection going through most of the year (late march to December, spec. collection in feb.) w/ pickup. Door hangers have gone out to the township as part of the information campaign.
 - No grass, leave out invasive as much as possible.
 - Brown bags.
- New Website is being launched - springfieldmontco.org, included an integration with library website (will remain the same domain for that site as well.)
 - Spring 2020
- "Chuck cam" is almost ready - some more wiring needed before it will be launched.

Motion to approve Jan 2020 minutes - approved.

Joy - RF 100 Update - Volunteer group; Brandon - Regional Resiliency Partnership - township, county and other levels to be an "umbrella" group to help manage competing initiatives to manage and prioritize them (RF 100, climate crisis, Watershed partnership, and other projects)

Aaron - 2020 Workshops - circling back to 3 from last meeting : recycling/composting, clean/energy - electricity/gas, solar open house, native plants/invasive workshop.

- Solarize Workshop : Menal : April 26th
- Solarize Open House : Fall
- Plants/Invasive : April - Janet Caputo wants to be involved; Zeta will spearhead. April 25th
- Leaf waste/Composting : Brandon/Patrick - will coordinate mid-march most likely.
- Straw audience poll - Sunday afternoon was the popular choice for workshops

Brandon - Shade Tree - ask to send EAC reps; Zeta will attend.

Brandon - Can do the mailing list.

Discussed resignations of members and those open slots. Formal recommendation for Chris, motion approved. Send recommendation for Chris to be appointed as associate by board.

Climate Panel hosted by Penn Env. & Springfield EAC - host it in the township, Congressperson Deane, Sat. March 14th 1-3pm, in the rec center (Rec B / Seven Dolors)

Penn EAC conf - Saturday 5.2 8-4 PM - Upper Merion Twp. Building.

Joy - Federal program - Sol Smart - something we can apply to for getting free technical assistance. The EAC needs to submit a request to authorize staff to do this. This is not a heavy lift for staff this program.

Mellissa - suggestion for "How To" videos on recycling.

Recycling tour again ? Brandon - yes and Bucks Co. Water. (Would need to be a work day)

Nicole - Earth Day strike downtown form Sunrise. Get info to Joy on this.

Movie "The Burden" - see about getting it up somewhere.

Actions / Follow-Ups

- Brandon put the link to PA Sustainable communities
- Peter - can we publish information about this.
- EAC - article and workshop on invasive
- Zeta - talk to DEP person about bags vs. bins for collection
- Zeta - plant workshop
- Joy - check w/ Menal on solarize workshop on the 26th
- Brandon - confirm date for leaf waste/composted.
- Aaron next meeting - discuss the tablecloth and logo.
 - Brandon will look for prices
- Joy to draft letter for EAC to request Sol Smart, Aaron to review and get to board.
- Brandon follow-up Recycling and water tours.

Adjourned.