

EAC Meeting Minutes – May 26th 2021, 7PM

Attending

- Brandon Ford, Stephen Heverin
- Joy Bergey, Peter Wilson
- Aaron Stemplewicz, Charles Karl
- Desiree Rammon, Kris Weth
- Mandy Helwig, Patrick Eddis
- Chris Richter, Beth Cooper
- Jay Smith

Minutes

- Welcome & Approval of Minutes: Approval of Apr. 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - Stephen will amend the date on the header for the full date.
- Public Comment Partner Update/Special Presentations:
 - Rotary Club Request for Support for Lighting Project at Cisco Park
 - Mandy Helwig discussing the request - Sat. December 4th target date for Winter Festival to show off the lighting. Has sponsored funding for all but ~\$10k).
 - Future park project would be the 'Rotary' bridge, but they want to get past this project (lighting) first.
 - Option 2 from the memo is the lighting they are looking at.
 - Further EAC discussion around providing some money towards the project.
 - Approved: Aaron will draft the letter and circulate for approval and then send onto the board and staff.
- New business
 - Planters : options for some additional plantings in the Whiskey Barrels on Willow Grove Ave.
 - Suggestions: Native Coriopsis, another option is a butterfly weed (esclepsia tuberoso), ~\$6.99 for annual, or ~\$9.99 for true perennial. Not a spreader.
 - Need to get some signage for each species in the planter.

- Aaron to coordinate with Jeff. Motion for EAC to expend not more \$75 towards procuring 6 butterfly weed plant from a local provider to plant in the Willow Grove planters.
 - Brandon to coordinate with Stephen and Beth Cooper on what plants to buy.
 - Beth Cooper - Tree of Heaven near bus depot, concerned about the attractiveness of the SLF. Brandon has looked at this site in question. This group as soon as you get off the rock shore towards the entrance way its actually on district property.
 - Discussed options for contacting the district. Brandon will bring it up with the district board members who sit on Parks and Rec.
 - Townships is treating several areas throughout the township for SLF. Maples are targeted, along with the Willow at Cisco.
- Old & New Business Social Media & Communications Update – Chris R. Energy Transition Plan Update – Joy B., Desiree R., Melissa B. *June or July – Draft Presentation to the Commissioners
 - Chris - dip in posts this past month. Keep coming with updates
 - Joy - Clean Energy Transition - Peter and her completed the training course. Excellent training and now need to proceed with implementing what is learned.
 - Need to provide a transportation update to the board of commissioners.
 - EAC has adopted the Renewable Springfield and ask board about domain and redirection purchase.
 - Police hybrid is on the streets - want to ask board for an article, EAC to help write and get published.
 - Clarify if we are on for either June or July BoC meeting to get on the agenda. Brandon clarified to send an email to Peter to firm up the spot.
- ASES National Solar Tour – Joy B., Peter W.
 - October 2nd and 3rd - offering a national solar tour. People able to come in and see the panels and the yard. Joy would like is to have Springfield Township - get ~15 households as part of this. The ASES group handles the advertising, no cost to participate. Would love for Montco to be part of this. No expenditure of \$, just to help promote it.
 - <https://ases.org/tour/>
 - There is also an EV component to this - the Plug-in America drive electric week. See about getting the police department to participate in that.
 - Include a letter with bullet points of what we want from township.

- Meenal R. - Looking to get Montco Solarize.
- Mermaid Park Preliminary Plan Feedback – Brandon F. Planters on Willow Grove Avenue – A. Stemplewicz
 - Overview of initial plan; dredging of pond and wetland restoration.
- Technotrash - Charlie is taking out phones for donation to Laural House to repurpose the phones for woman who are victims of domestic abuse (Verizion had a program that they stopped).
- Walnut Trail - got a grant for \$200k of \$300k for the project. Timeframe of the project is TBD.
- Open Forum/Public Comment Commissioner/Township Update Walnut Avenue Pedestrian Trail Update Recycling Composition and Contract Update
- Aaron - Open Lands - think about this.

Actions for Next meeting (June)

- Tree of Heaven address on the corner of bus depot on district property.
- June 1st Planning comission meeting