

# EAC Meeting Minutes

Township Building – 7 PM – November 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Attendees:** Brandon, Joy, Desiree, Chris, Zeta, Patrick  
No Commissioner in attendance

## Welcome & Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Oct 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Minor corrections to minutes in attendees and date on the minutes sheet. Approved with corrections

## Partner Update/Special Presentations

Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership Update - Brandon Ford, Asst. Manager

- Introduction of what a watershed is; specifically, ours which is 63 sq miles and ends in the City of Philadelphia.
- Any part of Wissahickon rated as EV (exceptional value)? A: no.
- Focus of the plan is not just phosphorus but also nitrogen.

## Old Business

Social Media & Communications Update – Chris R.

- Email address : eacspringfieldmontco@gmail.com
- Facebook page membership is growing!

Renewable Springfield Update – Joy B., Desiree R., Melissa B.

- Draft transportation section has been posted on FB and Township website. No specific deadline for public comment. (shooting for EOY)
- Looking at updating fuel usage and where we save money and fuel.

Mermaid Park Planting Event Recap – Aaron S. & Melissa B.

- Overall well attended and supported.
- Should we send a letter of thanks to Delaware Riverkeepers for their help and support - Zeta to draft.

## New Business

Birdtown Program Ideas – Zeta C.

- Still need to do some talks to support birdtown.
  - Bird walks, Bee presentation
  - Planting Native - From Evansville Indiana - Author
  - Invite Audubon Mid-Atlantic (BirdTown) to speak; [Audubon Mid-Atlantic Staff | Audubon Pennsylvania](#) - Heidi Shiever - Zeta will reach out to schedule her for our January EAC meeting

Regional Plastic Bag Ban – GUEST: Richard M.

- Discussion around model ordinance on a plastic bag ban like Philly and a FAQ with some common questions.
- Narberth and West Chester have also enacted.

- Under recommendation in Doylestown.
- Lower Merion is also looking at enacting this.
- Talked through lots of mechanics and steps (letters, survey's etc...) before an ordinance would go forward.
- Zeta will lead from the EAC perspective to keep us up to date and engaged on this effort.

## Open Forum/Public Comment

- 1 Full time EAC member opening
- 1 Associate EAC member opening

Polling of audience for any comments:

- One resident concerned about conservation and tree management.
- A teacher at Friends Central School, interested generally (chem teacher)
- Parks clean energy

## Township Update

- Gabions in Cisco on the creek working on being repaired. Ideally FEMA funded.
- Engaging in a few storm water projects to move forward, including the enforcement items identified.
- 2022 budget is available for public review on the township site.