

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

June 2022 Meeting

7 PM - Free Library of Springfield Township

Attending

Stephen Heverin, Zeta Cross, Brandon, Joy Bergey, Aaron Stemplewicz (via phone), Peter Wilson, Pat Hynes

Minutes

- Previous Meeting Minutes approval
- Richard/Stephen Discuss the bag ban survey results, Rotary draft presentation
 - Will share with EAC for comment and feedback.
 - Will also share draft ordinance
 - Goal is to send a letter w/ draft ordinance to BoC for consideration from EAC (July mtg vote) and authorize Richard and Stephen to present to BoC (August) and Rotary (November)
- Plant sale - net gain of 40\$. Really well received.
 - Community aspect of it was delightful and super well received.
 - Maybe a native plant swap possibly at community day.
 - Do this plant sale again next year.
 - Who wants to volunteer for looking into community day for a swap?
 - Zeta and Aaron to help with that. Bring back ideas on it in July
- Social media - Chris is on vacation but its going well.
- Solsmart application - Brandon is working on this to get our Solsmart certification. The federal level program was renewed. Make this more prominent point in our agendas
- Solarize Montco - Joy - group to help others educate and help people select the right solar for their residence. From a business perspective, Dan Helwig, he manages Flourtown Commons the residents of that want to put solar on the roof. He is collecting data from the occupants.

- Solar Tour - October - Letter to BoC to give them an update on July 11th BoC and to request they be a sponsor again.
- Mack EV Refuse Truck Webinar - 6/29 - 18 muni's and counties represented. 33 ppl signed up.
- Energy Transition Plan
 - Campus Energy Audit - initial audit done way long ago. Now looking to get it done again in August. The vendor is preparing a revised proposal so it can happen in August.
 - Municipal portion of our plan - Stephen - got some data, Brandon and Pat will provide more and this is again making forward progress on being drafted.
- Motion made and to provide update on renewable Springfield and to authorize supporting the sponsorship of the solar tour.
- Recycling Brochure - Brandon is going to a 7 muni meeting and discussing the streamlining of educational materials, my brochure is on the agenda. This will happen Friday and possibly it could be shared by Republic and the other munis.
- Richard asked about who could be contacted about recycling tours for EACs in other munis.
- Techno Trash update - boxes filling up at a much more manageable level since excluding VHS and cassette tapes.
- EAC updates - Melissa B has resigned her associate member. Martin who has volunteered previous for Home & School association, Treasurer at PTA/O Erdenheim, helped to get a playground build. Also Flourtown little league and other activities and volunteer efforts. All
- Motion carried 4 to 1 in favor of sending a letter of recommendation for martin to boc to be an associate member.
- BMPs
 - How to help our residents to manage our lands (e.g. No Mow May)
 - Lots of good ideas (comp plan input, community presentations on how to for some of this and include practical practice and impact)
 - Building out presence on website for EAC.
- BoC Updates
 - Contracts for Mermaid approved and will start in July
 - Tank car is still in progress. Have some grants but not as much as we need. 1725 Walnut ave. Authorized advertised for env. Engineer to help in the abatement and demolition on the property. That will help to write the bid specs to handle it properly.
 - Commissioned County to help with Trail Planning process. Pat H. and Melissa Brooks will represent on that committee along with School District, Planning commission and county planners to get preliminary. 1st public meeting in September, date TBD.

- Sustainable PA recertification - info shared by Brandon, looking to share the load in reviewing and filling it out.
 - Good reviewable review of this by Turkey Day.
- Next meeting July 27th.

Term Reference:

- BoC - Board of Commissioners

Actions

- Stephen - Send out drafts for survey & bag ordinance presentations for Rotary & BoC.
- Richard - send the latest survey from the library box.
- Stephen - work up and send draft
- Richard/Stephen - send draft language for bag ordinance to go with letter of recommendation
- Zeta/Aaron - look at options for a possible 'plant swap' at Community Day.
- Aaron - draft letter from EAC to BoC to consider adopting a bag ordinance
- Stephen/Richard :
 - Present to Rotary on bag ordinance in November.
 - Present to BoC at workshop in August on bag ordinance and survey results.