

EAC Meeting Minutes

September 28th 2022 7 PM

Free Library of Springfield Township

Attending

Aaron, Peter, Stephen, Joy, Pat, Deseriee, Richard, Brandon, <?>, Zeta, Martin

Audience

Patrick

Minutes

Minutes - Dr. Alexandra - small correction.

Aaron - iPad for streaming - need to send letter to Brandon about donating the iPad to use for testing streaming meetings on Facebook.

Joy - Renewable Springfield Update

- Campus - compelling information on the savings we've achieved \$66k savings 2021 compared to 2019 in energy use (electric and gas). That was just with the winter audit, the summer audit is currently in progress. This will be presented to the commissioners.
 - This also comes with a dramatic cut to CO2 emissions.
 - Copies of this to Sen. Haywood an Rep. Nelson.
 - Look to publish an article in some municipal publications to share our story with other municipalities in the state to help drive awareness and adoption.
 - Motion made to provide this information to the commissioners.

Community Day

- No rain date, will be called on Friday
- 10 AM - 1 PM
 - 9:30 - Setup Stephen
 - 10-11 - Stephen
 - 11-12 - Zeta
 - 12-1 - Desiree
 - Cleanup - Martin
- Aaron - drop off box of material to Stephen

- Bug signs, sign up sheets for that. (They need to pledge to get a sign)
- Additional materials.
- Stephen - Will swing by on Friday w/ Brandon to pick up tent.

Plastic Bag Ban - Richard

- Discussion the draft put together by Rich and Brandon
- Draft has been sent to solicitor for review
- Want to engage Acme/Giant about a "bag trade", Library has agreed to try it as well.
- Nov 1st - Stephen/Richard - Rotary club presentation
- Possibly see if SEPTA would provide some bags for donation

Sustainable Springfield - Brandon

- No update this meeting

Joy - Community Composting

- Discussing the topic of what different composting programs could look like and reception.
- Montco recycling office could serve as a resource.
- Need to look into researching it.
- Get Chris to post a callout for ppl interested in community composting and backyard composting.

EAC Book Recommendations - Brandon

- Library is for it, they just need book recommendations - sent to Aaron (everyone send top 2)
- Target Earth Month

EAC Regional Summit - Brandon

- Oct 22nd. - Several EAC members will be going

Clean Energy - General Update - Aaron

- Grid providers publishing their interconnection logs and queues. - There is more renewable energy resources in the queue than in the demand of the grid operators. One of the big bottlenecks is transmission.
- IRA - FB post on an explainer on what people can get. - Aaron to get a few options of sources that can be published.

Township Update - Peter

- Haws Lane partial condemnation - 2.7 acres, mostly woodland towards rear of property. 2.x acres kept by developer in the front for development of 16 townhouses. Still need to be formally condemned for \$1m. Likely not contested.
 - What input into Parks and Rec process for input into the park development on this property?
- Trail Planning - Meeting tomorrow night.
- Rescue Act funding - Tentative draft spending plan for use of these. Largest chunk to environmental and stormwater related projects.
- Rec Center Advisory committee - Applications for this open now. Planning to start next year.
- Mermaid park update - coming along well. Need time for seed and such to take hold, park is still closed. Educational signage for the park is still to come.
 - Possible use of no pesticide use signs for the park.