EAC April 26th 2023

7 PM Free Library of Springfield Township

# Attendees

* Guests:
  + Kathleen Toureese (sp?), in the pan handle. Interested in plastic bags.
  + Ceila - HS sustainability committee
  + Chris Werth - general interest
* Committee, Staff & BOC:
  + Joy, Stephen, Brandon, Chris, Rich, Zeta, Peter, Martin, Pat

# Minutes

* Minutes : correction of Celia and Bernadette' names in the minutes. Approved with those corrections.
* Vice Chair opening : Martin Ryan, associate member, nominated. Voted and approved 5 to 1 to fill the rest of this term.
* Communication outreach update - Chris
  + Good content for posting, readership holding steady.
  + Will post a picture of the EAC book display at the library. Should acknowledge Susan who did the display setup for us. Brandon will look to get numbers of the circulation.
  + We should post the book list to our EAC page.
* High School sustainability club
  + Reached the 225 lbs out of 500 lb goal.
  + Created a presentation for the school board on their work.
  + Club clean-up with the interact club at the high school at the Wissahickon park.
  + Suggested to present the collection as part of public comment in the next BOC meeting.
  + We've completed a year a meetings with the school. Most of these are greening operational issues. One item is to try and collaborate next school year with the other 2 high schools (La Salle and The Mount).
  + Update on the pollinator garden. It is alive! Had a consultation on it. The majority of plants are back and only a few weeks. There are no downspouts, but from the review they don't need rain capture and are doing well. There is some thought to put on a timed pump 1-2x a week. A few additional plants would be needed.
* No Mow May - 27 people signed up! Signs are on their way. Martin will deliver the signs to the 25 participants once Brandon receives them. Will provide our EAC email addresses to the participants so if they have questions they can reach out to us during this promo. Will include the sheet with the QR code to more info. Presentation to the BOC at their meeting was very well received and approved.
* Native Plant Sale & Workshop
  + Workshop - 25 people attended, all received PDF copy of the presentation and also on the website. Continued engagement with some of the attendees.
  + Sale - May 13th - 10 am - 1 pm. Review the sign-up sheet and work needed for the sale. Aaron has the receipt book. Need 1-2 cash boxes. Will get out the vinyl banner for one of the tables. Will need 7 tables and 16 chairs to cover what is needed day of.
    - Include the collection bin for plastic and put a call out ahead of that.
* Plastic Bag Ban update
  + Richard - update on content of paper bags as a follow-up item. Acme's are not made from recycled. They have stores with the ability to charge a fee if a township has it in their ordinance. Acme also has an organziation that we can engage for a donation of reusable bags. Giant needs about a year to use up all their bags and purchase paper bags. Other townships have on their websites where you can buy compliant paper bags (% from recycled). Giant would provide their signage for it in store. Richards recommendation is to have a fee and include a provision for recycled paper.
  + Regarding the fee, 4 of 10 townships that have passed an ordinance do not include a fee.
  + Goal is to have the programing and ordinance presented to the BOC for their June meeting.
  + Invite the BOC to the June 26th Faran talk. Township building.
  + Engage the Rotary for help w/ businesses.
* Another item is for the EAC to consider changing the meeting location from the library back to the township building.
* Renewable Springfield - Joy - working towards clean heat and electricity. Present findings to the BOC in their June meeting.
* Rep. Nelson conference - great exposure for Springfield township and good panels and discussions.
* Public works will be scheduling a demo of the commercial electric equipment.
* Work on a home/backyard compost for the next newsletter.

# Actions

* Brandon - get numbers for circulation of the books that were part of our EAC
* Chris - repost that the single bag collection is still going on for the HS club bench.