

EAC Meeting Minutes

January 2025

7pm Free Library of Springfield Township

Attending

- Joy, Aaron, Ben, Adam, Gail, Brendan, Pat, Alex, Patrick

Guests

- Matthew B (student) - Going for Eagle Scout - attending as part of requirements
- Beth - Q: Scheduling Friends of Mermaid Park tour for the EAC
- Terry, Alice & Chris Bateman, Tyler

Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions
- Guest topic - Friends of Mermaid Park - Came to invite EAC for a tour of Mermaid Park, 1hr. Late March or April, on a Saturday. Open to commissioners and EAC members. The objective of the tour is to introduce the native plant garden, and points of concern.
- Board positions
 - Chair : Aaron was nominated and motion approved to unanimous approval.
 - Vice-Chair : Joy nominated and motion approved to unanimous approval.
 - Ben agreed to take on the Gantt chart / excel review on a regular basis.
 - Recording Secretary : Stephen nominated and motion approved to unanimous approval.
- December minutes will be circulated for approval next month.
- Call for EAC content to be posted to FB page.
 - Alex requested to repost upcoming events like the solar seminar
 - Request to clarify when posting items like FB to include a paragraph explaining what it was
- Request members to review the EAC portion of the website and provide feedback for the next meeting in the updates needed to help with organization, clarity or information.
- Reencle compost presentation - Alex
 - Q's: Where are they manufactured? Taiwan, What is the lifespan of these devices? 10yr warranty, Could they stack rebates? Possibly, Haven't worked with other townships in this? No. They do have commercial devices. There are other products out there, but do not create finished compost.
 - Idea - have a survey of the township on how and what people are interested in.
- February 22nd is the composting workshop.
- Our large watershed map has been mounted in the long hallway of the library for easier viewing by residents. Go check it out.
- Planning commission - is now asking for EAC input on the SALDO. They want to know how to specify the number of EV chargers we have in public parking spaces. Their next meeting is February 4th, which is when they would like the recommendation.

- Joy has started to research this with different townships in place already. Bucks county is a good example of what to have that includes things like ADA compliance for spots and also. Requested to have an approval of the EAC on Joys findings by email to meet the planning commission deadline.
- Township Updates
 - There is a landing page for the open space fund that was approved. Board still working on ways to approve that. Some staff changes delayed being able to advertise that more. The fund is a matching fund.
 - Meeting with PMC and Carson Valley today, which was cancelled and needed to be rescheduled. The board is looking to get an update from them on what is going on.
- Energy Transition Plan (ETP)
 - The board passed the ETP.
 - One of the elements of that is that the township should be producing its own solar power. Staff, EAC and township are still working towards that goal.
 - \$50k grant from PA DEP. This will be used for higher Practical Energy Solutions. They will do 3 energy audits on the buildings. And it will also bring in the HVAC contractors to train them and also to upgrade pieces as it is recommended. Timeframe TBD.
 - We have applied to PA DEP for the shared energy manager program. Get support from a national renewable engineering firm. We had previously applied for it and didn't get it. Found out we previously didn't get it because we were short a few points, in part because we didn't have an ETP. Current status is we are still in the running for the program. We will hear by Jan 31st if we are accepted.
 - Having an ETP and having a local Climate Action Plan (LCAP). DEP has a program that you can apply to help you with an LCAP. Requesting a target to get this done by June 30th. Alex is leading this.
- Leaf blower survey - Over 800 people responded to the survey. Next step is grouping the free form comments. More work to be done to bring the data forward for presenting.

Action

- Aaron will circulate a Doodle poll to see what date and rain date work for the EAC tour of Mermaid park.
- Alex to create a survey of what township residents do or want to do with compost.