

UM Township EAC Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022 – 6:30 pm

1. In attendance:

Zach Davis
Theresa Landewe
Jocelyn Bilker
Mark Vondra
Lizzy Goernemann
Louise Willis
Janet Serfass
Carole Kenney

2. Reorganization:

Chairperson Zach Davis
Vice Chairperson Lizzy Goernemann
Secretary Louise Willis
EAC Meetings are set for the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 101

3. Ongoing items:

- a. Energy Transition Plan (ETP) Update
 - i. EV Research
 - ii. Notes: Presented at BoS workshop and went well. Plan being transitioned to Public Works to implement and we should check in regularly to ensure things are on track.
 - iii. Time to transition to community planning (BoS very interested in community aspect). Idea would be to work with other citizen boards to increase community involvement (Shade Tree, ECDC, Library, Farmers Market, Community Center, etc.)
 - iv. Work with Solar States for free solar evaluation

- b. 2022 BCA Grant Ideas/Review Brainstorming Session from December
 - i. More for EV chargers update
 1. Notes: Zach to contact Geoff about potential locations around township for new EV chargers. Look into additional EV charging grants, too.

 - ii. Reusable Shopping bags update
 1. Notes: No real progress but idea has been pitched to Farmers Market board and they are interested in potentially applying together

 - iii. Native plants update
 1. Theresa working with Shade Tree Commission and we will be applying for a grant with Shade Tree. (Theresa has more details)

iv. Rain barrels update

1. Zach to apply for this grant (maybe along side sewer and stormwater board?) and model it off of past grants. One additional thought was combining the rain barrel application with a rain garden in the community that would complement the native plant display (above). Combining these and adding a plaque/infographic would be a great way to increase community education and awareness of stormwater management.

4. New Business:


- a. UM Earth Day event - April 23rd
 - i. Raffle off remaining compost bins and rain gardens
 - ii. Library Display
 1. Recommend green books for all age groups; display at library
 2. List of green books that can be distributed (list at library, QR code, etc.)

5. Staff liaison comments:

- a. Rose Grosso will be the new staff liaison beginning in March 2022
- b. There will be a new sewer fee soon

6. Board liaisons comments:

- a. Comprehensive Plan 2040
 - i. Brainstorm ideas that EAC (and residents) would like to see in the plan
- b. There will be a new storm water fee soon



Zach Davis, Chair

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