

UM Township EAC Meeting Minutes

June 14th, 2023

The meeting started at 6:34 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance taken:

Zoom: (2) Louise, Jocelyn **In Person:** (7) Carole, Zach, Theresa, Rose, Vicki, Kabrinda, Mark **Absent:** (0)

Approval of May 3, 2023, minutes

Old Business:

- Farmers Market rotating table: EAC officially on the calendar for September 30th. Think about what may want to have at table, possible items like Earth Day Table, information on Rain Garden. Waiting to hear about Plastic Pollution Reduction Ordinance, if approved will look in to having information available.
- Received grant for Rain Garden: Next steps-Had meeting a few weeks ago and generated To Do list. Priority is design. Theresa shared 'To Do' list with specific goals each month. October 14th will be installation. Discussed soliciting volunteers. Discussed advertising ideas. Will schedule presentation at the Township Building probably middle of September.
- BCA grant: did not get grant for EV chargers at the UMCC.
- Plastic Pollution Reduction Ordinance Update: Board of Supervisors vote is scheduled for Thursday, July 13th, 7:00 PM in Freedom Hall. Would like to see people to attend in support of Ordinance. Reached out to numerous businesses to let them know about proposed ordinance. One business responded with a few questions. Most had no questions. Divided up additionally businesses for EAC committee members to communicate about proposed ordinance.
- Grant Discussions: Two DCNR Grants are being worked on with consulting firms' (Shade tree and EAC to discuss together).
 - 1) Converting turf to meadow on hillside by rain garden/Community Gardens
 - 2) Fill in along Crow Creek riparian areas where trees/shrubs are missing to help with habitat and storm water runoff.

Motion was made to advise BoS to support and approve the DCNR grants for the Riparian areas and turf to meadow by Community Garden. Motion proposed by Mark and Kabrinda seconded. Unanimous voted aye. Mark will share information with Park and Rec.

New Business:

- Rain Garden Presentation: see comments above

Staff Liaison Comments:

- Rose investigated signage and the cost of signs for Rain Garden. Looked into 2 different companies and presented differences in posts/signs/cost. Run sign by Public Information Office.

Additional Business:

- N/A

Board Liaison Comments:

- Carole mentioned DCNR grant and will request Sewer and Storm water vote to support the above 2 grants.
- Two houses were demolished by Township. Do not have plans yet for what will be developed.
- Went to Home Depot. Pots will be recycled. Will have indicated area to place them.
- Mentioned Media Board presented to BoS approximately 8-12 logos from the Township. Media Board is trying to get one Township seal for each Upper Merion (Design Assistant for Upper Merion Township's Identity Management Plan). Talked re: branding the EAC.

Public Comments: No public comments

Adjournment: 8:37 PM



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