

UM Township EAC February Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2024

Meeting started at 6:40 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

In Person: Zachary Davis, Rose Grosso, Mark Vondra, Joel Miner, Vicki Meitus, Carole Kenney
On Zoom: Kabindra Shakya, Jocelyn Bilker, Louise Willis
Absent: Theresa Landewe

Public Comment: no public comment

Approval of January Minutes: Mark moved, and Joel seconded.

Old Business:

a. Plastic Pollution Reduction Ordinance:

- Discussed take out restaurants and peoples concerns regarding the charge for bags when they receive their food. Reason is to get people to bring bags with them but that is something that does not often happen with take-out food. Will do some more research on consistency. Chick-fil-a is one that has come up.
- Brought up when one orders over the phone for food/instacart that ends up with multiple bags, does a business charge for numerous bags or just 1-2?
- EAC look into consistency of businesses complying to the ordinance.
- Might need some written definition of 'bags' for consistency. May help to have additional definitions of bags/plastic that is acceptable, possibly on FAQ page and send out additional information next few months.
- Some businesses not complying. Will be contacted. One has contacted Township indicating they are working on getting the appropriate materials (bags, plastic utensils, etc.).
- Additional townships have adopted similar ordinances.

b. Rain Garden Update:

- Public works planning to do prep work early April, then planting one weekend in April, around Earth Day (April 13th or 27th). Earth Day is April 20th. Location: Ross Road. Public works will also get new plants.

c. EAC Network Virtual Conference: Saturday, February 24th.

<https://weconservepa.org/eac-network-conference/>.

d. Comprehensive plan: Carole reported there have been 2 meetings so far. Looking at the 2040 Comprehensive plan and adding things that are UM Township specific. Covers history, zoning, parks, transportation, etc. May look at township and possibility of putting small ER hospital in KOP for emergencies. Discussed parking issues in Township

