

UM Township EAC Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2023

The meeting started at 6:40 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance taken:

Zoom: (1) Louise **In Person: (5)** Zach, Theresa, Vicki, Rose, Carole

Absent: (3) Mark, Kabrinda, Jocelyn

No public comment

Approval of April 5, 2023, minutes

Old Business:

- Plastic Pollution Reduction Ordinance update: Reviewed/edited/modified Ordinance and updated dates/corrections.
- Planters/Pots recycling program: update: Carole spoke with Chip at Home Depot. They will have a sign indicating collection location. Will have Don put information in UM Newsletter
- Grant (BCA & other): still waiting for decisions. (May 11th)
- EAC-BoS Joint Meeting review:
 1. Presentation by Zach went well.
 2. Greg Philips asked re: Solar Panels and use in township.
 3. Our bag charge will be 10 cents minimum.
 4. Discussed ideas to 'make' recyclable bags, i.e., out of t-shirts, extra material, etc. Ideas to partner with a location and exchange a reusable bag for bag of plastic bags.
 5. KOP Mall Manager Bob Hart will see how stores respond to alternative for plastic utensils. (FYI: NJ will be banning plastic utensils and looking into bamboo, agave, paper, etc.)

- Earth Day: went well. Talked re: having Earth Day Fair and including other Community Boards. Possibility include clubs/organizations such as Sierra Club, Solarize MONTCO, etc.

Misc.:

- Put some of handouts from Earth Day into the empty bins in lower floor of UM Township Building. Include paint recycle information, etc.
- Zach will call 'winners' of the compost bins and rain barrels from Earth Day
- Zach will investigate solar companies being present at Farmers Market
- REIV2G: Company that looks at cars in a fleet and indicates what current benefits are and when need to replace cars and what cars (EV) to use to replace.

New Business:

- Battery collection: Home Depot only collects large batteries. Rose mentioned people stop by office and ask about where to recycle batteries (i.e., C, D, AA, AAA, etc.).
- Farmers Market will have rotating tables for Community Boards
- Upper Merion 2025 and 2040—defer to June 2023 meeting.
- Zach will investigate PAR Recycle Works to get drop off at UM Township building.
- Farmers Market will be located at Norview Farms starting May 13th, 2023.
- Talked re: Sustainability Fair in the future. Include panel that may be more informative??

Staff Liaison Comments:

Additional Business:

Board Liaison Comments:

- Old ambulance building on Henderson will eventually come down and there will be access road to new development.

- Two houses owned by the Township (by corner of Valley Forge Road and General Knox) will be taken down. Possible plans include parking lot for UMCC.
- BoS will be reviewing goals/objectives over the summer and present goals to the township staff for discussion.

Public Comments:

Adjournment: 9:26 PM

Approved: 

14 Jun 2023