

ECAC Meeting – November 2020 Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2020

Present: Tom McGurk, Betsy Fadem, Jim Oram, Ron Mintz, Hal Ward, Buck Buchanan, Pete Motel, Alessandra Nicolas, and Bill DeFeo.

Absent: Kristan Burgess, Palmer Dalesandro, and David O’Brian.

The meeting was called to order at 6.20p via web.

Tom McGurk mentioned that Dave O’Brian and Ron Mintz will be leaving ECAC. We will celebrate them at the December meeting. Dave moved to Tredyffrin and Ron has a class that meets on Monday evenings.

October 2020 Minutes Approved.

PD Space Project:

- Had two meetings with staff since last ECAC meeting.
 - 1ST meeting was on October 20th to bring Gene Briggs up to speed.
 - Took project and broke it in 2 phases. 1st phase(Phase A) was to evaluate current campus with 4 criteria.
 - Phase A: 4 requirements based on October 20th meeting.
 1. Clearly Identify and update space needs of the whole Township not incremental needs, but as total space.
 2. Assumption is we will be using all space on campus including Hilltop, and excluding the trailer.
 3. Reconfigure all space for more efficient use than we currently use it. For example, Hilltop 2nd floor is currently mostly storage.
 4. Does Leased space make sense.
 - 2nd meeting was on November 5th. The meeting was Gene, Palmer, Tom and HAS.
 - Spoke to HSA for Phase A.
 - HAS’s assignment is to come up with a proposal for Phase A at no cost
 - This should be ready in two weeks for Gene and Dave to review.
 - We will review at our December ECAC meeting.
 - We reserved \$60,000 in the budget for 2021 for Phase A and Phase B.

2 Vacant ECAC Openings:

- Our current max of members is 9 and we have been at 9 for a year now. Historically we went from 5 members to a few years then to 7 members before we got to 9. When we include BoS and staff, we then have many members. So Tom would like us to keep it at 7 members. ECAC would like to change members from 9 to 7 with 3 year terms.

New Projects and Initiatives

- Open Finance Project (Dashboard with MUNIS to feed financials onto our website) will be reported on at December 2020 Meeting to help pick and be a sounding board on design of what we think community would want to see.
- BoS would like ECAC to do a Benchmark Comparison for the Police Department, like we did with FIRE/EMS. More information to be provided by Jim and Betsy.
- A/V needs of the Township for virtual meetings and broadcasting. Radnor and Tredyffrin have their own TV station. What should we do? (There is \$6k allocated in 2021 budget for this project)
- Continuation of conversation on decorum at public meetings.

Next ECAC meeting is December 7th at 6.15p. The meeting was adjourned at 8p.

Respectfully submitted,

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ECAC Secretary