

**TOWN OF ERIE  
MEETING MINUTES- FINAL  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD**



**June 2, 2021 / 5:45 PM**

**Erie Town Hall – Community Room**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call: Rose, Anna, Monali, (JP absent and excused), Tom (absent and excused), Berenice (late)**
  - **Tyler, Debbie**
- 3. Approval of Agenda for June 2 2021 meeting: all approved**
- 4. Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2021 regular meeting: all approve**
- 5. Public Comment: Caleb Norder (recent graduate of Erie High School, interested in the Youth position on the SAB)**
- 6. Member Reports**
  - **Communications Update (Berenice) - no update**
  - **Berenice is working for energy and water tips for summer water conservation**
    - **Potentially conduct a webinar to explain the water bill, different tiers, etc.**
    - **<https://www.erieco.gov/Faq.aspx?QID=283> water bill/ rates explained**
    - **Berenice to reach out to Erie's new water tech Dylan King to coordinate a webinar**
  - **Plastics pollutions ban passed in Senate: <http://ecocycle.org/take-action/zerowastecolorado/legislation>**

## 7. Trustee Liaison Report (Christiaan)

- Tour of the Lafayette solar installation: Sarah, Christiaan, and Tom attended
  - Utility-scale solar isn't on the plan for Town, but they are assessing the feasibility of the project
  - Existing oil and gas sites are potential sites; another option is the landfill, but has challenges. Biggest challenge is the utility being involved with the project (Xcel Energy vs United)
  - July 20<sup>th</sup> study session will have an update for utility-scale solar

## 8. Staff Report

- Town updates (Tyler)
  - Eco-cycle for upgrading recycling center in Erie, new signage, redesign the roundabout, cardboard stream is separator, new rolloff container for yard waste; Launch meeting with Eco-cycle on June 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Eco-cycle may join our next meeting
  - Garden in a box program was successful
  - Zero waste events have started
  - Irrigation slow flow program starts next monday (June 7<sup>th</sup>)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7qMpyp6jOc>
  - Water plan adoption (master plan + efficiency plans) is on the Trustee's desk on June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Green businesses/ HOA awards is on June 17<sup>th</sup>
- Data analyst position filled; starts next week

## 9. Old Business

- Town Fair update (Anna, Rose, Tom)
  - Got nice booth setup; Rose and Tom tabled the event
  - Handed out a lot of sustainability kits; swag for last year's Earth Day
    - Should add some Erie SAB branding in the boxes
    - Booth was very busy: 80% of questions were on community composting

- A lot of awareness on environmental issues; 20% weren't very involved. Could create more health awareness to reach people who are hesitant
- A few people interested in xeriscaping and reducing water

## 10. New Business

- SAB election
  - Deferred to next month (July)
- Energy Action Plan update from Partners in Energy
  - Meeting is tomorrow morning at 9am: (update next month)
- Update on Break Free from Plastics (Rose)
  - Voter-approved plastics ban
  - Question: is there truly a market for the plastics 1-7? Should we research this more?
    - 1 A great topic for Tabling Opportunities
  - Involve and educate kids about plastics
  - Think about what would move people incrementally towards making behavioral change.
- Tabling opportunities
  - June 12<sup>th</sup> : Erie Brewfest (12-4pm) - Rose is available
  - Sign up for volunteers;
  - do the community survey about composting: use pin board to collect data
    - 1 Are you aware of composting options with your HOA or hauler?
    - 2 Raffle for the rain barrel and kitchen compost bins

- **Berenice can do farmer's market**
  - 1 **Need a good, clear message**
  - 2 **Town has 4 booths available**
- **Caleb: Environmental Sciences teacher can help promote volunteer activities with NJHS students**
- **Availability for ReTrac Demo: Data analyst can dig into the data and then report to us**
- **This is the Bible on environmental education if interested:  
<https://cbsm.com/book>**
- **SAB involvement in Juneteenth event and find out their needs. Anna to find out from the organizers if SAB can be help in any way and make it a zero waste event**
- **<http://ecocycle.org/take-action/zerowastecolorado/legislation>**
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**11. Adjourn: 7:19pm**