

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 9th, 2023 MEETING MINUTES-MEETING HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Convene Meeting: 7 pm * Access to Zoom was not possible due to malfunction of the Twp computer *

Attendance: Lorna Yearwood, Barb Scattergood, Jim Gill

Also attending:

Correspondence: None

Approval of Minutes: October 2022 approved

Public Comment: Member of public came to learn more about the Heritage Conservancy felling of trees in the Fuller Purcell Preserve.

1. **Reorganization:** The following officers were duly elected: Lorna Yearwood - Chair; Barb Scattergood – Vice Chair, Jim Gill - Treasurer
2. **Financial Report:** It was agreed that the end of year report should be signed off by the Township Manager to ensure that the EAC spreadsheet is reconciled against Township finances.
3. **Bird Town:** BS will provide an annual report of our activities; BS noted we are the only BT that focuses on children. Springfield Elementary will have a bird theme assembly May 5th by Audubon staff. EAC would like to provide info related to Bird Town to the students, BS will investigate. BS will notify PSD regarding the Great Backyard Bird County via the Patch. LY will talk to RP re. getting the Bird Town resolution signed off by the BoS. It was decided to purchase two more new Bird Town signs and that they should be placed at entrance to Township on Passer Road, 412 from Hellertown and Ottsville and 212 from Riegelsville. The old signs should be removed.
4. **H & K Quarry Hearings:** LY reported that she gave public comment via zoom in January and noted that the quality of public comment was very high. There is likely one more hearing left prior to the BoS deliberation period.
5. **Park & Land Preservation Board Liaison:** LY described the developments regarding the ash and other tree felling at the Heritage Conservancy Fuller Purcell Preserve. The PLPB is taking the lead since it is a Parks issue, HC and EAC will attend the PLPB meeting next week. EAC and PLPB were asked to report back to the BoS at their next meeting. The EAC will again push for revising the ordinance to enhance tree protection in the Township.
6. **Planning Commission Liaison**
 - a. Comprehensive Plan: LY reported that the project is entering the next phase which is where the steering committee focuses in on implementable parts of the plan.
7. **Tree Protection:**
 - a. Springfield Elementary School/PO Window – will be updated for Spring in the coming month.
8. **EAC Organization:** No update

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9. Upcoming Events:

- a. April 1st is the CCWA/EAC Roadside Cleanup
- b. Barb is working on a date for the E-waste recycling in the fall.

Council Comment:

None

Public Comment:

Next Meeting: Mar 10th, 2023 at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:20pm