

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 9th, 2024, MEETING MINUTES-MEETING HELD IN PERSON ONLY

**Convene Meeting:** 7:02 pm

**Attendance:** Mike Clime, Barb Scattergood, Arianne Elinich, Jim Gill

**Also attending:** Lorna Yearwood, Scott Douglas, David Juall, Tim Mease, Kolby Mease

**Correspondence:** No correspondence

**Approval of Last Minutes:** Deferring approval of last meeting minutes until the June meeting

**Public Comment:** No public comment

**Financial Report:** No official report this meeting but Kim will address accounting for the ongoing expenses

**1. Springfield Township Comprehensive Plan Updates**

- a. Bucks County approved the comprehensive plan
- b. No other significant feedback from other stakeholders
- c. Adoption of plan is scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**2. Hans O Reiman Scholarship**

- a. May 28<sup>th</sup> is the award presentation night

**3. Cooks Creek Conservation Plan**

- a. David Juall and Scott Douglas attended the meeting to present information about a project they have been working on for the purpose of assessing the condition of Cooks Creek
- b. This is being facilitated by Cooks Creek and the Durham EAC via a Growing Greener Grant from the PA DEP and they would like to see the Springfield portion of the watershed considered within the scope of the plan as well
- c. Princeton Hydro will be doing the on-the-ground assessment - in conjunction with volunteers from Cooks Creek and the EACs
- d. The results of the study will be published and publicized
- e. The Springfield Township EAC is in favor of this study

**4. Bird Town**

- a. Evaluate possibility of establishing an EAC email address (for the Birdtown flyer, etc)
- b. Finish Birdtown flyer with call to action for new members

**5. Litter Prevention**

- a. The litter books for Springfield School have been ordered
  - i. Barb will go pick them up, sign them with notes from the EAC and deliver them
- b. Lorna is coordinating a poster contest on litter prevention with Springfield (with the winner to be announced at the Creek and River Festival in July)
- c. Possible Litter Enforcement Corridors still being assessed
- d. Prioritize purchase of *Litter Cleanup Crew Ahead* Signs for safety of volunteers
- e. Arianne will finish working on the business card design with the link for reporting litter

**6. Recycling**

- a. Make a reducing waste a point of discussion for the EAC at the Creek and River Festival

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**7. Parks & Land Preservation Board Liaison**

- a. Kiosk will be added at the park soon

**8. E-waste Recycling**

- a. Advertising & Signage
  - i. Create a Save the Date / Possible addition of pricing to Signage
  - ii. Draft Penny Power, Social and Newsletter Flyers
- b. Review acceptable materials for 2024 event
- c. Start brainstorming a survey for the E-waste event

**9. Proposed Developments with Environmental Implications**

- a. H & K – No updates
- b. Haycock Camping Ministries – No updates
- c. Utilities with environmental implications
  - i. Adelphia Gateway’s ongoing Right of Way maintenance activities, inclusive of tree felling in the township, continue to be a concern
  - ii. The EAC has concerns that not all landowners fully understand their rights about right of way management activities

**10. CCWA 50 Year Anniversary Creek and River Festival**

- a. Poster Contest Judging
- b. Plan for Setup / Gather Materials / Schedule Booth Coverage
- c. JoAnn will have a table for an eco-minded kid’s craft

**11. Upcoming Events**

- a. Cooks Creek Watershed Creek and River Festival Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Silver Creek Athletic Club
- Council Comments - None
- BOS Liaison Comments
  - There is ongoing concern about the need to protect the land/area that provides the source water for Springtown (and the Springtown Water Authority)
    - Possible avenues of protecting these areas are being evaluated
- No Public Comment

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7 pm

**Meeting adjourned: 9:39 pm**