

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 12th, 2024 - MEETING MINUTES - MEETING HELD IN PERSON ONLY

Convene Meeting: 7:03 pm

Attendance: Mike Clime, Barb Scattergood, Arianne Elinich, Kim Hirschman

Also attending: Lorna Yearwood, Tavis Pantaleo, Melissa Eddy

No Correspondence

Approval of Last Minutes:

- Mike motions to approve August minutes
 - Barb seconds
 - All in favor

Public Comment: Melissa Eddy raised a concern (that was shared with her by another resident) regarding the noise impacts of tractor trailer brake retarders on Passer Road and State Road - roads *clearly marked to prohibit the use of brake retarders*

❖ **Financial Reports**

- All entries on the EAC's financial tracking spreadsheet should have the author noted

❖ **Expenses**

- Keep the expenses (\$50 budget already approved) for Joanne in the queue – receipts still to be provided
- Arianne motioned to approve an initial \$100 budget for Joanne for the kids for Springfield under the theme of water
 - Mike seconds
 - All in favor

1. Cooks Creek Conservation Plan – Stream Corridor Assessments

- a. The assessment is currently being planned for November
 - i. The planned assessments will take two tracks
 - 1. Assessments of specific properties for formal Princeton Hydro Report
 - 2. Assessments of specific properties by Cooks Creek and Springfield EAC for Citizen Science report to be submitted for the assessment
 - ii. EAC's component of this assessment should consider land development implications in the watershed
 - iii. Travis is willing to assist and the EAC will wait for Travis's recommendations on the properties to be assessed

2. Litter Prevention

- a. Lorna is still working on the various avenues for anti-litter signage
- b. Make a point of distributing the litter cards at the upcoming e-waste event

3. Recycling

- a. Kim is still looking into the e-waste grant

4. Birdtown

- a. Melissa connected with Heidi at Birdtown
 - i. Melissa planted a native meadow with her neighbors on her property

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1. This initiative fulfills some of the Birdtown objectives
 - ii. Melissa is going to begin considering the kiosk bird hotspot content
5. **Parks & Land Preservation Board**
 - a. Bird ID hotspot at Peppermint Park kiosk (see above re: Birdtown)
6. **Springfield School – Environmental Outreach**
 - a. Water is the theme for this school year
 - b. Budget approved for Joanne for the creative school projects around water
7. **Update Suggestions for EAC Page on Township Website – Ongoing**
 - a. No new action
8. **Proposed Developments with Environmental Implications**
 - a. Haycock Camping Ministries is appealing the township's decision
9. **Fall Roadside Cleanup**
 - a. No fall cleanup this year
10. **Upcoming Events**
 - a. E-Waste Event, Saturday, October 12th, 2024 – 9 until noon
 - o No Council Comments
 - o BOS Liaison Comments
 - o The board is considering adding more money to the Hans Reimann Scholarship Fund
 - o No Public Comment

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 10th, 2024, at 7 pm **Meeting adjourned: 9:44 pm**