

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 9th, 2025 - MEETING MINUTES - MEETING HELD IN PERSON ONLY

Convene Meeting: 7:13 pm

Attendance: Jim Gill, Mike Clime, Arianne Elinich

Also attending: Lorna Yearwood, Melissa Eddy

No Correspondence

Approval of Last Minutes:

- Mike motions to approve November minutes
 - Arianne seconds
 - All in favor

No Public Comment

Financial Report – No official updates (other budgetary notes noted in blue, below)

1. Cooks Creek Conservation Plan – Stream Corridor Walk

- a. Princeton Hydro will be assessing the stream corridor on the Douglas property on Tuesday, January 14th

2. Litter Prevention

- a. No further updates on litter signage at this time

3. Recycling

- a. Haulers within Springfield are taking very different approaches to recycling and some of the information that Kim gathered in her report (regarding what is being recycled) conflicts with some of the information recently presented by the county (specifically in the context of recyclable plastics)
 - i. The county noted that only 1,2 & 5 are being recycled, however, at least one hauler is accepting numbers 1-7, while others do not clarify at all

Birdtown & Parks & Land Preservation Board Initiatives / Signage

- b. Melissa has the Hotspot QR code ready (as well as some additional content ideas for the kiosk) but she is still waiting on BirdTown's approval to include the BirdTown logo
- c. Melissa let the EAC know that the PA Game Commission is currently offering a program (to interested property owners with 25 acres or more) which would provide for the installation of purple martin houses to increase biodiversity
- d. Melissa also shared information with the EAC regarding a grant from PA American Water, which is intended to promote water conservation as well as improve, restore and protect watershed and/or groundwater supplies

4. E-waste Recycling

- a. Arianne will contact Brian about the date for the 2025 E-Waste event

5. Environmental Initiatives for Springfield School & Palisades High School

- a. A gift card has been approved for Joanne Mazzeo in the amount of \$100 (for the environmental outreach to Springfield students) for 2024/2025 school year
- b. A \$125 budget has been approved by the EAC (for the purchase of books) for Springfield School on the theme of water for the 2024/2025 school year

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- c. The EAC has approved \$1,000 from its budget (for the 2024-2025 School Year to be allocated for the recipients of the Hans Reiman Scholarship)**
 - i. The township is also adding a \$1,000 to the scholarship for this school year**
- 6. Content Updates for EAC Page Tab on Township Website**
 - a. No action at this time
- 7. Projects with Environmental Implications**
 - a. Projects / Developments with Environmental Implications**
 - i. There are significant concerns regarding the proposed Walking Purchase Farms development due to the substantial tree felling that the developer has proposed, as well as the implications to our local water resources, and the development's vicinity to the gas pipeline (which is incorrectly noted on the developer's plan as an oil pipeline)
 - b. Utilities with Environmental Implications**
 - i. No action at this time

No Council Comments

No BOS Liaison Comments

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 13th, 2025 at 7 pm **Meeting adjourned:** 8:56 pm