

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC)

March 12th, 2026 - MEETING MINUTES

Convene Meeting: 7:07 pm

Attendance

- EAC Members: Mike Clime, Melissa Eddy, Laura Gardiner, Peyton Martoccio
- Board of Supervisors (BOS) Liaison: Lorna Yearwood
- Public: None

Correspondence

- None.

Approval of Last Month's Minutes

- Melissa motions to approve February minutes and Mike seconds – All in favor.

Public Comment

- None.

Discussion Topics

1. Birdtown Updates
 - Melissa presented the "Bird-Friendly Habitat" sign that was posted on the Township's Facebook page. Application and general information for this sign were included in this post.
 - Melissa shared that the Birdtown Annual Report was filed - the Township's status level will remain the same as last year.
 - On April 1st, 2026, the purple martin house will be opened.
2. Parks and Land Preservation Board (PLPB) Initiatives Updates
 - Laura attended the 3/9/26 PLPB meeting and shared the EAC's proposal to have the Heritage Conservancy evaluate and present suggestions for the management of Peppermint Park. The PLPB provided a copy of their Management Plan, recommended that EAC members walk around Peppermint Park in the near future, and invited the EAC to attend their next meeting on 4/13/26 at 7:00 pm; EAC members will plan to attend this meeting.
 - Lorna states that the PLPB agreed in early 2026 that Peppermint Park will only mow in the fall.
 - On 3/18/26 at 7:00 pm, the BOS and PLPB are having a joint meeting at the Township Building.
3. Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Updates
 - Mike will plan to attend their next meeting (held virtually) on 3/26/26 at 10:00 am, and discuss tributaries.

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4. Palisades Middle School "Roots and Shoots Club" Request Updates
 - The Club is requesting that the EAC come and review potential garden locations and discuss native plant species to plant. Funding (grant money) and students are available to help with the garden.
5. 2026 Hans O Reimann Scholarship
 - \$2,000 of scholarship money will be available (\$1,000 from the EAC and \$1,000 from the BOS).
 - Applications for Palisades High School students will be open from 4/6-4/17/26.
 - The EAC will select a winner/winners no later than 4/30/26.
 - The Palisades High School senior awards ceremony will be on 5/26/26.
6. Annual Road Clean-Up Event
 - This event is planned for 4/11/26 at 11:30 am.
 - Volunteers will meet at Springfield Elementary School.
7. Projects with Environmental Implications Updates
 - None.
8. Updates/Other
 - Mike shared that he was researching meadows and what is involved in creating them; this information can eventually be incorporated in creating additional meadows in the Township.
 - Lorna discussed the EAC financial spreadsheet with Rich Pursell who updated the spreadsheet with 2025's information: The EAC has \$6,356.67 in their Township account, and has \$81 in cash.
 - Lorna is working on a SharePoint page for the EAC; this information will be accessible to all Township residents.

Comments/Upcoming Events

- EAC comments:
 - Mike will look into scheduling next year's recycling event.
- BOS Liaison comments:
 - The EAC should consider setting goals.
 - The BOS want to meet with each Township board to align priorities and increase communication.
- No public comment.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9th, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:44 pm