

**Springfield Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
March 8th, 2018**

- Convened meeting at 7:38 pm
- In attendance: Lorna Yearwood, Arianne Elinich, Kim Kruchinski, Barb Scattergood, Jim Gill
- Review of minutes from January 2018
  - Kim motions to approve January 2018 minutes
  - Barb seconds
  - All in favor
- Public Correspondence
  - Letter from DCNR regarding grants program
  - Letter from PADOT regarding renewal of Adopt a Highway registration
- Public Comment
  - David Bretz, a township resident who lives near Peppermint Park, attended the EAC meeting to express his concerns with the continued spraying in the park
    - He noted that:
      - 2,4-D and Banvel have been sprayed in the park over the course of the farmer's lease at the park
      - There are numerous health risks to both animals and humans associated with the use of 2,4-D
      - The spraying has been approved for the park again this year and the lease agreement currently goes through 2020
      - The signage in the park is inadequate for public notification and he is concerned that residents have not been sufficiently notified
      - There were never any closures of the park when the farmer sprayed
    - One of Mr. Bretz's dogs recently acquired Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
      - He has since lost a second dog to the same cancer
    - He would like public disclosure of the specific form of 2,4-D the farmer is spraying
    - Mr. Bretz also expressed his concern that his public comments at the Board of Supervisor's meeting were not noted on the public record within the township minutes
    - He questioned if there was any precedent? Have any other farmers been prohibited from applying herbicides on township land in the past?

- Suzie Reimann attended the meeting to let us know about the bird houses, trees in pots and rain barrels
- No Council Member Agenda Additions
- Herbicide Use in the Park
  - The EAC maintains the position that the spraying of 2,4-D at the park is incompatible with the land's use as a public park
- Spotted Lanternfly
  - Rod & Gun Club
    - Packed room that was very attentive and appreciative
  - Palisades High School Project
    - Jeremy Wolf at the High School has a student doing a Citizen Science Project on Spotted Lanternfly and Kim shared her presentation with them
    - They will be spreading community awareness regarding the issue via various mediums (social media, posters, community awareness)
- Bucks County Municipal Waste Management Plan
  - Arianne motions to submit Lorna's recommendations on the Waste Management Plan to the Board of Supervisors
  - Kim seconds
  - All in favor
- Newly Formulated Township Building Grounds Committee needs an EAC representative
  - Lorna made the motion to nominate Kim to be on the committee
  - Barb seconds
  - All in favor
  - Kim accepts
- Climate Change Resolution/Greenhouse Gas Inventory Study
  - Collaborative efforts in progress -will take some time to do a thorough analysis
- Bird Town
  - Great Backyard Bird Count at Springfield Elementary
    - Almost forty kids made bird feeders and did a bird count
    - Barb reached out to Steve Saffier to report on the event

- EAC Funds
  - We are still waiting for a record of our account balance
  - Kim ordered the gloves and vests
- Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Winter Lecture Series
  - Kim attended the presentation – No real new information
- PennEast Pipeline
  - Northampton County will be legally challenging PennEast's taking of county preserved lands
- Upcoming Events
  - Roadside Cleanup – 9 am - April 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Meet at 8 am for breakfast and cleanup begins at the Firehouse at 9 am
    - Lorna will send an email out to the volunteer list to see if anyone wants to join us
  - Land Ethics Conference – March 15<sup>th</sup> at Del Val College
    - Lorna makes a motion for the township to reimburse Kim for the Land Ethics Conference
    - Arianne seconds
    - All in favor
  - Palisades Sustainable Living Expo – Apr 13<sup>th</sup> at Palisades High School
  - EAC Conference – April 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Gather at Suzie Reimann's – April 21<sup>st</sup> - 11 am
- No Council Comments
- Next Meeting April 12th, 2018, 7:30pm
- Lorna makes a motion to adjourn at 10:17 pm
  - Arianne seconds
  - All in favor
    - Adjourn Meeting at 10:17 pm