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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MAR 11, 2021 MEETING MINUTES-MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

Meeting Convened: 7:34 pm

Attendance: Lorna Yearwood, Barb Scattergood, Jim Gill

Also attending: Jason Wager, Township Manager, 3 members of public

Correspondence: None

Minutes: February 2021 Minutes Approved

Public Comment:

- At the request of Arianne Elinich, Jim Hopkins has drafted a letter from the BoS to West Rockhill Twp in support of their fight against the Adelpia Gateway compressor station. Jason will send the EAC & AE a copy to comment. Jim Hopkins also has concerns around classification of the Adelpia Gateway Pipeline and the change in population density since it was installed.
- Pete Jones has installed a PAM at his residence – purchased by Eric Touchstone; Eric replaced lasers on his monitor & it is now working correctly – he found 30 stink bugs inside – he will call to find out if it is OK to put a screen over the box to keep them out.

Council additions: None

1. **Financial Report:** No changes to balance
2. **Bird Town:** Nothing to update
3. **Regenerative Ag:** Video of workshop will be available soon, will post on EAC website. Oakeys plan to work with Rodale consultant and their farmer to change the rotation and improve the soil at their property. They are willing to pay for the Soil test results and may allow them to be posted anonymously on the website.
4. **Purple Air Monitor:** Lorna reached out to Mike at Powersports, he is away a lot – Eric will help with the contact. There are now three, soon to be four PAMs located to the east of the proposed quarry site.
5. **H & K Quarry Proposal:** Residents still cross-examining Scott Drumbore, BoS started too. Jason mentioned how well the residents have represented themselves. Next will be redirects which where H&K counsel get to rebut any issues coming up under cross examination. Then counter cross examinations, then re-cross examination. Next will be the air quality expert, hydrogeologist and another expert.
6. **Peppermint Park:** Nothing has been heard from the farmer regarding fertilizer use, he needs to give 30 days notice prior to application. PLPB suggested that the next time to change the lease would be October 2021.

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7. **EAC Organization:** Discussion ensued pertaining to details of draft Ordinance, EAC members input was gathered. Lorna will re-draft and send out for comment for Sue to look over (not present), it will be on the BoS agenda for discussion at the March 23rd meeting. No work on the bylaws has been started.
8. **Electronics Recycling Event:** Electronics recycling – BoS agreed that we should look at fall timeframe (need to avoid clash with Community Day Sept 18th?)
9. **Bucks County**
 - a. Renewable Energy model ordinance – Jason will send to EAC to review
 - b. Mosquito control program – Lorna has researched pesticides and has reached out to the BCHD, she will give a report at the Mar 23rd BoS meeting where it will be an agenda item.
10. **Stormwater** – Discussion regarding a potential stormwater plan. Lorna mentioned more natural ways to reduce flooding for example dramatic differences in rainfall infiltration are possible by improving soil health. Discussed putting stormwater problem areas on GIS (will be doing with assets). Jason would like ABCs to have access to Iworks software (GIS like mapping software). Current known problem areas include Bodder, Peppermint – near park (swale, culvert – on cap project list – have to tear up road if not fixed), Mountainview, Nemeth Rd, Keystone Rd. Currently trying to get funding for a stormwater plan. Possible expertise available in the Twp.

Upcoming Events:

- Roadside Cleanup April 10th – we will meet at Springfield Elementary at 11:15am. We have one family that will help. Due to Jim's knee replacement, he will do sections at other times and let us know what he has completed.
- EAC Networking Meeting April 10th – virtual

Council Comment: None

Public Comment: Jason informed us that the Planning Commission/Jim Hopkins are writing an RFP for a lead consultant for the Comprehensive Plan, the process will most likely start in summer/fall.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2021 at 7:30 pm (via Zoom)

Meeting adjourned: 9: 30 pm