

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 14th, 2023 MEETING MINUTES-MEETING HELD IN PERSON ONLY

Convene Meeting: 7:04 pm

Attendance: Lorna Yearwood, Mike Clime, Barb Scattergood, Jim Gill

Also attending:

Correspondence:

Approval of Minutes: Aug minutes approved

Public Comment: Arianne Elinich commented that she feels residents are being disenfranchised by not having a remote attendance option. Bill Burland offered his zoom account and potentially financial aid if that would help.

1. **Financial Report:** It was decided by unanimous vote that in light of the Township's fiscal state, the EAC would not request any budget for 2024 with the exception of spending from our EAC raised funds.
2. **Bird Town:** Barb will reach out to the Richlandtown representative once our Bird event at Peppermint decided. We still need to reach out to teachers at Springfield Elementary to propose litter as this year's topic.
3. **Park & Land Preservation Board Liaison:** PLPB said they were concerned about doing a large event due to parking. A major goal seems to be collecting a database of birds at the park. It was suggested that we could use the Merlin app to collate such data. We can create a hotspot and park users can use their phones to listen to the birds and they will be recorded automatically. It was suggested that we would need a sign and could do a smaller event to publicize the app and do a bird walk at that point. Arianne offered to do graphic design for any sign needed.
4. **Planning Commission Liaison**
 - a. Comprehensive Plan: Mike C and Lorna met to give some draft recommendations on communication and building resilience.
5. **E-Waste Recycling:** Oct 14th 9-12noon. Arianne offered to share the event on facebook and Nextdoor. Lawn signs will be put out 2 weeks before the event. Andrea needs a table and chair. The PHS football team will volunteer again.
6. **Proposed Developments with Environmental Implications:** Residents have appealed the Conditional Use Approval of the H&K quarry at the Court of Common Pleas; ECA Solar zoning variance application was denied due to not being able to show "hardship"; Cell Tower hearing will be postponed for a second time to Oct 18th.
Bill Burland and Alan Miller residents affected by the proposed Cell Tower gave a presentation on the potential environmental health effects of EMF emissions and the alternatives available to the Township's plan.

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7. **CCWA 50th Anniversary (River Festival):** Lorna attended a remote meeting of the committee on 9/11. Would like to have compost bins available at the event but would need “resource ambassadors” to staff the containers and somewhere to take the compost, Lorna will look into it. The festival committee agreed that two food trucks would be good, plus maybe an ice cream and/or coffee truck. Doug Tallamy, an author of several books on nature and native plants may be the keynote speaker.
8. **Litter Prevention:** See actions from August.
9. **Upcoming Events:**
 - a. Electronics Recycling Event Sat Oct 14th , Springfield Elementary School 9am-12noon
 - b. EAC Regional Event Oct 21st
 - c. River Festival Sat July 13th 2024, Silver Creek Athletic Club

Council Comment:

Public Comment:

Next Meeting: Oct 12th, 2023 at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:45pm