

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 11th, 2024 MEETING MINUTES-MEETING HELD IN PERSON ONLY

**Convene Meeting:** 7:05 pm

**Attendance:** Mike Clime, Barb Scattergood, Jim Gill, Arianne Elinich

**Also attending:** Lorna Yearwood, Jeff Lindtner, Scott Douglas

**Correspondence:** No correspondence

**Approval of Last Minutes:**

- Barb motions to approve last month's meeting minutes
- Mike seconds
- All in favor

**Public Comment:** No public comment

**Financial Report:** Kim will be taking over the management of the EAC's financial records

**1. Springfield Township Comprehensive Plan Updates**

- a. BOS voted to send this out to other neighboring municipalities for their review and the comment period is still open
- b. Aspects of the EAC's recommendations were integrated into the Comprehensive Plan – including reiterating the importance of Article 1, Section 27 of the PA State Constitution
- c. Mikes's pictures were incorporated into the plan as well

**2. Hans O Reiman Scholarship**

- a. The EAC has determined that the scholarship should be split between two candidates
- b. Barb makes a motion to split the scholarship evenly between Layna and Brianalyn
- c. Mike seconds
- d. All in favor
- e. Arianne will let Carole know and will also ask her to extend an invitation to the scholarship recipients to attend a Board of Supervisors to be acknowledged

**3. Knecht's Bridge Discussion**

- a. There have been significant flooding events along Cooks Creek in the last several years and Jeff Lindtner is concerned about the integrity of the bridge
- b. The county has been addressing some aspects of work on the bridge but Jeff strongly feels the township should coordinate with the county to mitigate impacts from stormwater and flooding events that would compromise the integrity of the bridge
- c. Arianne will draft a statement to share with BOS to them to let them know that the EAC supports Jeff Lindtner's concerns and ask the township to work with the county, to assess these impacts to Knecht's Bridge, and to see what can be done to mitigate flooding impacts to the bridge
- d. Scott Douglas was present to help discuss and weigh in on this issue with suggestions and approaches to address the stability of the bridge

**4. Bird Town**

- a. Barb got a message in the beginning of April from Birdtown (who was contacted by a resident with concerns) about the impacts of Haycock Camping Ministries on the birds and wildlife in our township

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- b. Arianne is going to draft an announcement to share with the public in the hopes of encouraging more people to get involved in Birdtown

**5. Litter Prevention**

- a. EAC has agreed to purchase books for Springfield School that are focused on litter
  - i. Arianne motions to approve the expenses
  - ii. Mike seconds
  - iii. All in favor
  - iv. Lorna will reach out to township with the book list to tell Rich that the EAC has authorized the purchase of the books for the students
  - v. Barb will pick up the books, notate them with a handwritten note from the EAC and will deliver them to Springfield
- b. Promotion of New Littering Complaint Link
  - i. Arianne is going to reach out to township with the littering complaint info to ask them to distribute this info in the township newsletter and on social media
- c. New Litter Enforcement Corridor Considerations
  - i. Work is in progress establishing new litter enforcement corridor(s) in the township
- d. Litter Complaint Business Cards
  - i. Arianne will draft business cards with the litter link on it for distribution
- e. Arianne will submit final donation request list to the police chief

**6. Recycling**

- a. Survey of Hauler Recycling Practices – Kim will help to evaluate
- b. Coordination with County Recycling Points of Contact – Kim will help to evaluate

**7. Parks & Land Preservation Board Liaison**

- a. Hotspot/Bird Event @ Peppermint Park – no action at this time

**8. E-waste Recycling**

- a. Advertising & Signage
  - i. Need to draft a Save the Date / possibly consider adding pricing to the signs
  - ii. Draft Penny Power / Facebook Ads
- b. Need to Request Use of Springfield School for Event
  - i. Secure Certification of Insurance for use of school during the event
- c. Reestablish points of contact for clarity on acceptable materials for 2024
- d. Start brainstorming handouts and a survey for the Ewaste event

**9. Proposed Developments with Environmental Implications**

- a. There has been a lot of activity (including tree cutting) along the Adelpia Gateway Right of Way in Springfield

**10. CCWA 50 Year Anniversary Festival**

- a. Start the Booth Planning
- b. Lorna will reach out to the school district to see if they are still interested in promoting a contest in conjunction with the event
- c. Plan for Setup / Gather Materials / Schedule Booth Coverage

**11. Roadside Cleanup - Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> Debrief**

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- a. Report tally of bags to PADOT

**12. Upcoming Events**

- a. (Cooks Creek) River Festival Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 2024, Silver Creek Athletic Club
- Council Comments - None
- BOS Liaison Comments
  - The BOS is still considering the best approach to recording meetings
- Public Comment

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 9th, 2024 at 7 pm

**Meeting adjourned: 10:20 pm**