

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 10th, 2024 - MEETING MINUTES - MEETING HELD IN PERSON ONLY

Convene Meeting: 7:05 pm

Attendance: Arianne Elinich, Kim Hirschman, Jim Gill

Also attending: Lorna Yearwood

No Correspondence

Approval of Last Minutes:

- Arianne motions to approve September minutes
 - Kim seconds
 - All in favor

No Public Comment

❖ **Financial Reports**

➤ **No changes**

❖ **Expenses**

- Keep the expenses (\$50 budget - already approved for the festival supplies) for Joanne in the queue – receipts still to be provided – and also the \$100 (already approved) for this year's projects at Springfield School

1. Cooks Creek Conservation Plan – Stream Corridor Assessments

- a. Travis has narrowed down the scope of the properties

2. Litter Prevention

- a. PennDOT will put up some signs for the litter corridor at their expense
 - i. Five preliminary locations were selected

3. E-waste Recycling

- a. The county's e-waste grant funds for last year's event have been paid out to the township
- b. Kim will track the items coming in that would be recycled at a fee so we do not go over the maximum grant fund allotment

4. Recycling

- a. Lorna attended and reported on the program presented by the county on recycling
 - i. Glass is hard to recycle properly
 - ii. Numbers 1, 2 and 5 are the only plastics currently being recycled by haulers in the county
 - iii. Waste Management reported that 60% of the recycling they take in is trashed because it is unusable
 - iv. NJ is considering policy at the state level to create a standard for recycling
 - v. Plastic bags returned to grocery stores *are* typically recycled into Trex if taken back to the grocery stores
 - vi. Due to the issues with the recycling, Waste Management is starting to recycle things from the waste stream themselves
 - vii. Aluminum remains a high value recyclable commodity

5. BirdTown

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- a. No updates
- 6. Parks & Land Preservation Board**
 - a. No updates
- 7. Springfield School – Environmental Outreach**
 - a. Water is the theme for this school year and JoAnn is brainstorming ideas
- 8. Update Suggestions for EAC Page on Township Website – Ongoing**
 - a. Arianne will review the EAC page on the township website over the coming months and make suggestions for edits
- 9. Projects and Developments with Environmental Implications**
 - a. Haycock Camping Ministries is appealing the township’s decision and the residents have petitioned to intervene as well
 - b. Adelphia Gateway is replacing a section of pipe along Cooks Creek where there was significant stream bank erosion resulting in a pipe exposure (Source: PA DEP)
- 10. Upcoming Events**
 - a. E-Waste Event, Saturday, October 12th, 2024 – 9 until noon
 - o No Council Comments
 - o BOS Liaison Comments
 - o Considerations regarding Comprehensive Plan / EAC Input for Comp Plan Points

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14th, 2024, at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:44 pm