

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC)  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - MEETING MINUTES

**Convene Meeting:** 7:10 pm

**Attendance**

- EAC Members: Laura Gardiner, Peyton Martoccio, Melissa Eddy, Jim Gill
- Board of Supervisors (BOS) Liaison: Lorna Yearwood
- Public: Gelsey and Gary

**Correspondence**

- None.

**Approval of Last Month's Minutes**

- Laura motions to approve April minutes and Jim seconds – All in favor.

**Public Comment**

- Gelsey and Gary shared that they attended this meeting to learn about the Township and specifically Birdtown.

**Discussion Topics**

1. Birdtown Updates
  - Melissa is applying for grants; one Birdtown grant deadline just passed.
    - i. Melissa is communicating with the Parks and Land Preservation Board on these grants and ways to make Peppermint Park more environmentally friendly.
  - The Township now has access to GIS and can create maps.
  - Discussed planning monthly birdwalks in Peppermint Park, starting in June.
2. Parks and Land Preservation Board (PLPB) Initiatives Updates
  - None.
3. Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Updates
  - None.
4. Palisades Middle School *Roots and Shoots Club* Updates
  - A grant has been secured, and a landscape architect has been hired to install a garden.
  - Bluebird boxes were purchased and installed today.
5. 2026 Hans O Reimann Scholarship for Environmental Education
  - The EAC selected two winners and notified the school. Congratulatory letters will be sent out with the checks to the winners.
  - The Palisades High School senior awards ceremony will be on 5/26/26; an EAC member will present the awards at the ceremony.
6. Annual Road Clean-Up Event Recap
  - 19 bags of trash were collected, 11 people were present.
  - Laura will contact PennDOT to give a report of this event.
7. Projects with Environmental Implications Updates
  - None.

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8. Housekeeping
  - 2026 Goal Idea:
    - i. Pursue projects to improve Peppermint Park's sustainability and how environmentally friendly the park is. This would include creating a plan to increase native wildflowers and bird habitats, address invasive plant species, and secure grants.
  - No BOS meeting updates
  - Discussed accessing the SharePoint page.
  - Discussed the Township website and EAC page organization, and Facebook posts.
9. Updates/Other
  - Considered changing the start time to 6:30 pm for future EAC meetings.

**Comments/Upcoming Events**

- BOS Liaison comments:
  - The Cook's Creek Watershed Protection Plan update will be publicly presented on 6/17/2026 from 7-9 pm at the Township building.
    - The Cook's Creek tributaries were noted to be of exceptional value but many of the streams are impaired; this could potentially be from agriculture.
  - 2026 Goal suggestion:
    - Implement recommendations from the Cook's Creek Watershed Protection Plan update and comprehensive plan for the protection of ecosystems and natural resources.
  - The Bucks County Foodshed Alliance is hosting an event at Bowman's Hill Wildflow Preserve on 5/20/2026.
  - A riparian buffer webinar will be hosted on 5/20/2026.
- Public comment: Gelsey and Gary expressed gratitude for the EAC's initiatives.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:20 pm