

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC)

June 11th, 2026 - MEETING MINUTES

Convene Meeting: 7:08 pm

Attendance

- EAC Members: Laura Gardiner, Peyton Martoccio, Melissa Eddy, Jim Gill, Mike Clime
- Board of Supervisors (BOS) Liaison: None.
- Public: None.

Correspondence

- Received and reviewed thank you notes from Hans O Reimann Scholarship for Environmental Education.

Approval of Last Month's Minutes

- Laura motions to approve May minutes and Melissa seconds – All in favor.

Public Comment

- None.

Discussion Topics

1. Birdtown Updates
 - 41 species were seen in Peppermint Park during the birdwalk that was held on 5/27/26; information from the walk was uploaded onto eBird.
 - Discussed planning another birdwalk in the fall at Peppermint Park.
2. Parks and Land Preservation Board (PLPB) Initiatives Updates
 - Discussed involving the Heritage Conservancy to look at Peppermint Park.
 - Melissa and Laura shared information about signage, meadows, and native plants.
 - Discussed mowing schedules at Peppermint Park and writing an informational letter on when the meadow should be mowed in the future; the meadow is tentatively set to be mowed this month, which will impact bird species, as well as other species.
3. Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Updates
 - None.
4. 2026 Hans O Reimann Scholarship for Environmental Education
 - Recapped the ceremony.
 - Discussed the winners potentially attending a future BOS meeting.
5. Annual Road Clean-Up Event Recap
 - Laura sent a report to PennDOT.
6. Projects with Environmental Implications Updates
 - None.

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7. Housekeeping

○ 2026 Goals:

- i. Continue pursuing 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.
- ii. Implement recommendations from the Cook's Creek Watershed Protection Plan update and comprehensive plan for the protection of ecosystems and natural resources.

○ No BOS meeting updates

8. Updates/Upcoming Events

- Discussed scheduling an electronic recycling event this fall (tentatively for October 10, 2026).
- Cook's Creek Watershed will be meeting with the Township on 6/17/2026 at 7 pm at the township building.

Comments

- BOS Liaison comments: None.
- Public comment: None.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 9th, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:14 pm