



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

EAC March Meeting Agenda

March 28, 2024 7 PM – Springfield Township Free Library

Attending

- Committee & Associates:
- Guests:
- None scheduled

WELCOME TO MEMBERS & GUESTS

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ATTENDANCE & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February Minutes - Martin

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM

COMMUNICATION/OUTREACH

Review any communications received by or disseminated from the EAC.

NEW BUSINESS

Suggestion to write a letter to Senator Art Haywood and Representative Napoleon Nelson supporting the passage of **Senate Bill 734 and House Bill 1607** An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for electronic waste recycling; imposing duties on the Department of Environmental Protection; establishing the Advisory Committee on Electronic Waste Recycling; and imposing penalties. If adopted, Zeta will provide a draft to Aaron, Martin, and Stephen.

Review Annual Plan - Martin

Home electrification - Zeta

TOWNSHIP UPDATE/QUESTIONS

Updates - Brendan, Chuck

OLD BUSINESS

The E Waste Recycle event will be advertised on the Township electronic sign on Paper Mill Road.

The Commissioners have approved a Solar Feasibility Assessment for the Springfield Township Municipal campus.

There is a new signup for No Mow May on EAC page of the Township Website. As of Monday morning, 12 households have signed up for No Mow May.

Those who have signed up for the EAC Mailing list received an email encouraging them to sign up for No Mow May via the new website page. The email list includes those that participated in No Mow May last year.

A working group is being formed of EAC and Parks & Recreation committee members to identify parks that would be well suited to having some of their turf transitioned to meadow.

Per our unanimous vote in January, the EAC sent the Commissioners a recommendation that windows on the new rec center and in existing municipal existing windows that are susceptible to bird strikes be treated to repel such strikes. Joy Bergey met with a supplier of film that can be applied to this end, and shared this info with the Rec Center Advisory Committee and township management. The film from this supplier would be applied after construction is complete.

Apparently the library has been experiencing bird strikes on one large window, so Ian Hammer will approach library staff about treating this window. (Joy had this film applied to a picture window in her backyard, and is happy to talk with anybody about it.)

Joy Bergey and Ron Celentano met by zoom with Commissioners Lee and May, Mike Taylor, Craig Lloyd, Ian Hammer, and former West Rockhill Township Commissioner Jim Miller on March 20 about West Rockhill's excellent experiences, having installed muni solar panels in 2019. Our commissioners have awarded a contract to Ron Celentano (longtime Springfield resident, solar consultant, and township volunteer) to do a feasibility study of the costs and benefits of putting solar on our public works and admin/police building roofs.

EWaste Event Update: coordinated with the school district, junkluggers, and the township to get Maranda forms all submitted properly. That is done so we are a go for the event. Coordinated volunteers with the HS Sustainability Club.

Gas Leaf Blower subcommittee: we have compiled a fair amount of research and are in the process of digesting it all. We have reached out to a few groups about having a speaker come in to the EAC and present sometime in May or June.

Public Works has been very responsive this spring as several of us (led by Gail) have been urging them to cut the Carson Meadow (between Wissahickon Ave, Beth Pike, and College Ave) at times that are wildlife friendly. PW has adopted a mowing policy recommended by Morris Arboretum (with input from Gail and Wissahickon Trails) NOT to mow in the spring after March 15, which marks the start of when ground-nesting birds start their breeding cycle. (Last year PW mowed in mid-May, which was likely very problematic for certain species). We're very grateful that PW is now taking earth-friendly mowing cycles seriously.

A Native Plant Talk will be given by Martin Ryan at the Library on April 13th at 2 PM.

The Library outdoor space has been reserved for the Native Plant Sale on May 4 at 9 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING EAC EVENTS

April 24th, 2024 7 PM – Springfield Township Free Library

Please note, EAC agendas are subject to change without notice.