

# Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission

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*Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, April 27, 2011*

## **Attendees**

EAC: Paul Schmidt (Chair), Stephen Heverin, Joe Slapinsky, Mara Baird, Deirdre Martinez, Seth Wilson, Skip Lynch  
EAC Associate members: Leslie Smith  
Township Liaison: Charles Baily  
Township Board representation: Jeff Harbison  
Community members: Marsha Low, Ron Attarian

## **General**

Call to order  
Minutes approved  
Introduction of new member Skip Lynch

## **Board of Commissioners update**

No Update

## **Township staff update**

Techno trash shipped out and another one put in its place. Asked if EAC wanted to continue with the techno trash cans. Motion to keep the techno trash cans going. Motion 2nded, vote was unanimous. Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed – board recommends someone from the EAC to be on this. Trouble locating the EAC canopy, and asked the board for suggestions on its location.

## **Sustainable Springfield**

Will be holding a pot luck dinner sometime next month.

## **EAC Topics & Projects**

Cisco Park: Discussed the opportunity to pursue grants for plantings, or at least for instructional signage.

FELS: Christina will come to next meeting to give a presentation regarding her work. It was suggested there be a meeting between the May and June meetings as a working session for planning long term EAC strategy.

EAC Elections: New Chair and Vice Chair were elected. Motion for Stephen Heverin as Chair, 2nded. Vote was unanimous. Motion for Joe Slapinsky as Vice Chair, 2nded. Vote was unanimous.

Earth day event recap. Overall successful, had some good feedback from residents. A lot of basic questions, such as what is an appropriate planting and if the rain barrel workshops would continue. Highlighted the need to continue with more introductory education for the residents. The appropriate planting was noted as a good topic for a Sun article.

May 29th Bucks-Mont EAC summit, Paul is asking for an EAC member to attend.

Social Media: Stephen provided an update from meeting with the website committee. It was approved to allow the EAC to publish agenda's via the Springfield email alerts. As was publishing meeting minutes to the township website. Other activities for Twitter, Facebook and Constant Contact would be taken to the board for a vote.

## **Springfield Sun**

Christine's last article is May 9th. There is a call for volunteers to continue with help in writing the articles. Several candidates were identified. EAC members or associate members will reach out to candidates to ask them to come to an EAC meeting. Christine is invited to the next EAC meeting so that we can extend our thanks for her work.

Joe Slapinskiy would take the next article which is a summary of the lawn mower trade in event and the Earth Day event.

Other article ideas were discussed around mulch and how it is managed at the township level, Marcellus shale, rain barrels, where does your water come from.

Meeting Adjourned.