

Springfield Township EAC Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2025 - 7 PM - Free Library of Springfield Township

Attending

- Guests: Terri Hepner, Chris Kirchner
- Committee: Aaron, Martin, Adam, Joy, Pat H, Commissioner May, Pat dePaul

Minutes

- March minutes approved, pending two changes that Aaron will make:
 - Joy's request previously sent around
 - Date change for the AGZA landscaping workshop from June 16th to June 17th

Discussion

- State Rep. Nelson has scheduled a townhall to be held in our library on Thursday May 29 in the evening, which will feature a discussion of our work to reduce energy consumption in our municipal buildings. Joy is the lead for this, if anyone has questions.
- New EAC vacancy : Aaron will draft and circulate a letter to the Commissioners on April 25 suggesting that Tyler Focht is well qualified to fill the vacancy.
- Native Plant Sale
 - Pat DePaul will coordinate with Public works to provide tables and chairs
 - Will take place May 10th from 10am-12pm in front of the Township Library. Set up at the Library starts at 9am, plant pick up at 8am at Primex. Martin is leading this, if anyone has questions
- No Mow May
 - No Mow May signs ordered (w/ a QR code this year)
 - Martin is coordinating w/ ppl who cannot make it.
 - No Mow May sign ups advertised in the spring newsletter.
- Pat DePaul has been appointed Fire Marshal and Staff Liaison to the EAC. Welcome Pat!
- Electric Landscaping Event
 - American Green Zone Alliance (AGZ) - provide tracking, guidance for commercial landscapers going electric. June 17th in Lower Merion for commercial and municipal landscapers. There will be an indoor education session and outdoor training session.
 - Lower Merion township is looking, www.lowermerion.org/elawns, for capturing commercial landscapers.
 - We discussed next steps, education paths, objection handling, engagement with commercial landscaping.
- Township updates from Commissioner May

- The campus solar panel project is proceeding, solar expert Ron Celentano is now under contract as a consultant with the Township.
- Hillcrest pond dredging is wrapping up with Xavier Landscapes and Designs
- New all electric vehicle going into service
- The trail plan, to connect to the Piszek Preserve and build a trail, is proceeding better than expected