

# EAC April 2026 Minutes

April 22nd 2026 - 7 PM - Free Library of Springfield Township

## Attending

- Joy Bergey, Stephen Heverin, Tyler Focht, Pat DePaul, Brendan May, Adam Thorpe, Martin Ryan

Guests : 9

- Topics polled in audience:
  - No mow may
  - Mermaid friends - liability insurance (Parks and Rec); Other townships have a release form - Commissioner will take this to
  - Shade Tree representative (Craig Hinton)
  - Solar Panel project
  - What happens to recycling in our single stream recycling?

## Meeting Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions
- Minutes for March - reviewed and approved.
- Please continue to send items to Aaron for posting to EAC FB page.
- Guests speakers :
  - Liz Robinson - Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) - discussing what it is and how it works. Working towards getting legislation passed to allow this. PECO/PUC has said now. Boroughs want local renewable energy, specifically solar. Working towards moving more and more of that energy into their pool. This is already present in 8 states today, and in some of those states for some time. One of the main drivers for solar in California.
    - Q: Do CCA's over net metering or time of use rates? A professional administrator is typically hired to manage that level.
    - VPP - Virtual Power Plants - combination of resources to control their timing. Answer to turning up a dirty peaker plant.
    - Lots of ways local governments can create value for themselves and local residents with CCA.
    - What is the specific ask to the EAC?
  - Motion for EAC to send a letter to the BOC recommending that the board adopt the resolution in support of the CCA.
- Energy Transition plan / Rec Center :
  - Agreed to plan to build the rec center, while it will not be net-zero, it will be closer to that than if we had not gotten involved. Heating will be gas, b/c geo-thermal is too expensive for the property.

- Joy attended the Upper Dublin meeting, discussing their implementation of solar and geothermal (net-zero). This was in part due to the tornado that went through these buildings, with the insurance and other funding it brought the cost down.
- Next rec center meeting is May 7th at 6pm in the Admin building (1st Thursday of every month)
- Solar on the admin and PW buildings - pre-construction meeting is tomorrow; more to come after that. Have gotten interconnection approval.
- Energy Audit update - Tyler - setup accounts in portfolio manager and the PECO energy tool. Getting that data, will set up time w/ Practical Energy Solutions with that consultation. Understanding tooling and best practices. We can also monitor gas usage as well. Water data would still need to be manually imported.
- No Mow May :
  - 2 residents who have concerns about aesthetics, as well as concerns about lantern flies, mice, and pests. Not critical of the intent; fully supportive of the environment. Does not believe just letting grass grow is worth it. The alternative that we were suggesting is to plant more flowers and take up some of this lawn space. To reduce the issues of pollution. Emphasize more planting vs. the no mowing.
- Native Plant Sale : May 9th - In front of the library - starts at 10 AM - rain or shine
- Lesser Celandine Community Education - looks like a large buttercup - it's invasive. Solutions include removing plant prior to seed production, covering with cardboard and covering card board with mulch, large infestations require herbicides.
- Audience member asking about what Republic does with our recycling, does it actually get recycled.
  - Action to follow up to get a clearer answer on how Republic is handling our plastics; in terms of true recycling.

Post meeting update regarding the question about how Republic Handles our recycling, per Ian Hammer, Director of Public Works:

<https://www.republicservices.com/sustainability/climate-leadership/recycling>

*"No specific locations are provided to us but they are in it to make money.*

*They send sorted, baled recyclable to specialized manufacturers and end-markets, turning them into new commodities. They find the highest paying end user to lower our cost of disposal. If they didn't take it somewhere to make money, they would have to increase our disposal rates, in turn not making them the lowest bid submission for direct haul disposal.*

*Depending on who needs/wants the sorted material, that is where they sell it."*