

# EAC Meeting Minutes [DRAFT]

August 23rd 2023 - 7 PM

Free Library of Springfield Township

## Attending

- EAC: Stephen, Richard, Chuck, Joy, Peter, Desiree, Martin, Gail, Aaron, Zeta, Pat
- Guests: Ben, Karissa, Alexander Klinger (Open Space), Caroline (Garden and Sustainability Committee at Enfield),

## Welcome & Approval of Minutes

- Minutes were not circulated, will be approved in next month's meeting.

## General Public Comment / Open Forum

- Springfield Open Space - recent approved for 501(c)3, can now apply for grants. Recently completed native pollinator garden on Stenton and Ivy. Township assisted, people donated plants. Other projects in the works.
- Alexander Klinger - brought up the concern that the township has decided to pause grant writing per the outgoing assistant township manager.
- Open Space plan in the township : Last done in 2005. Needs to be updated.

## Community Outreach

- Some posting; Designate in the subject to Aaron that it is for a EAC FB posting.
- Streaming : old device won't work, will look at an alternative to do this. Aaron and Stephen to coordinate.

## Old business

- EAC Shirts - Aaron to follow-up with getting some EAC shirts, to wear as members for the events.
- Community day: Sunday October 1st : 10 am - 1pm
  - Have a page with the QR code to direct them to the EAC page and some basic instructions for signing up to the township newsletter.
  - Theme 1 : Electrification
    - Aaron to provide his electric lawn equipment
    - Inflation Reduction Act targeted to Springfield residents of what they do
      - Joy: Would like to create a pamphlet to hand out at community day and also post on the website
  - Theme 3 : Single use plastic bag ordinance
  - Raffle / Give Away :
    - What to focus and who can donate the item?
    - How are we going to manage the sign-ups for the raffle? (QR code to sign up for it) Capture email address, name and phone number.

- Include a wording that if they can't sign up via QR code to speak w/ an EAC member to get signed up.
  - Bowl of apples at the table for give away.
- Single Use plastic ordinance:
  - Idea from guests: Include an info graphic of what is not acceptable.
  - Keep just EAC email address on the list.
  - Motion and approved for Stephen to purchase a ten pack of the reusable cardboard trash cans for \$140.00
- Aaron - working with public works on their electrification; they are replacing equipment with electric versions as the life cycle.
- Aaron and Joy - work on getting Chuck the budget for the EAC to the township.
- Aaron and Joy - draft letter to board about consideration of the
- Junkluggers : Hosting an event at one of the schools parking lots : We need to provide the school the scope of the event and ideal dates.
  - \$650 to have them come out for the event.
  - They need 5 volunteers; 2 hours - helping people with stuff and directing traffic/people.
  - Timed event, will take as much as they can during that period and then its over.
  - Aaron -> Zeta : can they provide us numbers on the volume collected.
  - Promotional materials : who is responsible? EAC (Zeta). Also coordinate with the schools to promote it.
  - Check to make sure there are not any competing events. Places like county and weavers way or others.
  - Zeta : get those dates to Aaron.

## Township Updates / Questions

- Not much to update, passed the bag ordinance. Published the trail plan on the website.

## Actions

- Find and include the open space list on the township website, was done 10 years ago, done by the township. -> [https://www.springfieldmontco.org/media/2183/springfield-open-space-plan\\_201211241352449823.pdf](https://www.springfieldmontco.org/media/2183/springfield-open-space-plan_201211241352449823.pdf)
  - Its found under this section of the website: <https://www.springfieldmontco.org/departments/building-zoning/planning-zoning/plans-studies/>
- Aaron / Gail : taking lead on getting the open space list updated. Per commissioner Lee, its currently an ad-hoc committee of commissioners, or could be an EAC sub-committee.
  - Check what is in the current plan for a definition of open space: talks about it, but not clearly defined.
  - Look at working with trail committee and shade tree.
  - Anything which is part of our parks, needs to include parks and rec.
- Chuck - follow-up on what is used on our budget.

- Martin - add to the Gantt chart for getting the budget to the BoC for each year.
- Community Day actions:
  - [Stephen]- QR code sheet directing to EAC and also how to sign up for township email notifications.
  - [Aaron] - Check w/ Cynthia about her having a table about the no pesticides.
  - [Joy] - IRA pamphlet, based on one we presented last month.
  - [Stephen] - QR code for signing up to get the raffle prize.
  - [Aaron] - Own getting the leaf blower as a raffle item.
  - [Stephen] - Coordinate w/ Chuck to get tent, banner and materials.
- Dog waste bags in park -> future item to replace plastic bags w/ non-plastic alternative