



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

EAC June Meeting Agenda

June 26, 2024 7 PM – Springfield Township Free Library

Ending

- Committee & Associates, Residents

WELCOME TO MEMBERS & GUESTS

Welcome to our guests.

ATTENDANCE & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May Minutes - Stephen

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM

COMMUNICATION/OUTREACH

Email traffic included questions about Terracycle and No Mow May. Terracycle may be discussed at a future meeting. No Mow May Participants have been informed they should hold onto their signs for use next year.

NEW BUSINESS

- Reusable Bag Donation - Stephen
- Techno Trash Education - Stephen
- No Mow May Survey - Stephen and Martin
- Review Annual Plan - Martin
- Energy Savings Update - Joy
- Discussion on installation of turbines in the Norristown Dam to generate renewable electricity

TOWNSHIP UPDATE/QUESTIONS

Updates - Brendan, Chuck

OLD BUSINESS

Bag Ordinance Update

There has been no feedback or updates regarding the program since April of this year. We have received several donations of reusable bags, but no call for individuals needing reusable bags. July 9th would mark the 6 month mark for the implementation of the single use plastic bag ordinance. We have not received any hardship requests for single-use plastic bags. The township has not received any complaints of violations by businesses of the bag ordinance.

We do not have a need to distribute reusable bags in our community. Stephen has reached out to Commissioner Ratsavong for ideas. The idea he would like to put forward is that we provide our collection of reusable bags to local homeless and shelter groups in our community.

Techno Trash

Stephen has been monitoring the usage. It is still being used. There were two different electronics recycling events locally. Joy took items in scope for that from Techno Trash and donated to the first one. Stephen took items in scope for next event from Techno Trash to recycle at that event. Both events were no cost for donating. This has allowed us to maintain the Techno Trash without having to pay for getting additional collection bins.

Stephen has pulled out ink cartridges and taken those to Staples to recycle. There have also been a number of Amazon devices. They are removed and use Amazon's trade-in program to return those items to Amazon for recycling. When there are phones, Stephen has been letting Charlie Karl know so he can pick them up for donation. There were also some tool batteries, which I deposited to Lowes as part of their battery recycling program.

We should put forward some EAC updates on techno trash usage:

1. People can recycle their Amazon devices with Amazon directly for free and also can earn money from trading them in.
2. Packaging should be excluded when dropping items off in Techno Trash.
3. Alkaline batteries are not recyclable and should be placed in regular trash.
4. Printer cartridges can be recycled at Staples, and you can earn store credit for doing so.

High School Sustainability Club

Martin and Joy will meet on August 19, 7pm in the library with the incoming and outgoing co-presidents of the High School Sustainability Club to pass the leadership baton and start planning 2024-25 joint activities.

ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING EAC EVENTS

July 24, 2024 7 PM – Springfield Township Free Library

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