



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

EAC July Meeting Agenda

July 24, 2024 7 PM – Springfield Township Free Library

Attending

- Committee & Associates, Residents

WELCOME TO MEMBERS & GUESTS

Welcome to our guests.

ATTENDANCE & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Last month's Minutes

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM

COMMUNICATION/OUTREACH

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Student Representative - Joy
- Re-certify the Township in the Sustainable Springfield program - Ben

TOWNSHIP UPDATE/QUESTIONS

Updates - Brendan, Chuck

OLD BUSINESS

No Mow May Survey Results

28 of 80 participants responded to the survey. 35% is an excellent response rate.

Would you recommend this to friends and neighbors to participate in next year?

- 93% responded yes, 7% responded maybe

Would you participate again next year?

- 93% responded yes, 7% responded maybe

Did you notice an increase in the number of pollinators or wild life in your yard?

- 75% responded yes, 25% responded no

Did you receive negative feedback about the program?

- 86% responded no, 14% responded yes

Feedback

- More awareness messaging in February and March.
 - Have a local newspaper write an article regarding the program and benefits.
 - Simplify signup – ensure we have accurate information for Township Newsletter.
 - Start in April, continue through May as this is when the majority of plants in our lawns are in bloom.
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- Add QR Code to signs so people can easily access more information.

Board of Commissioners Updates

- On 7/8/24, Ron Celentano presented the solar feasibility study to the Commissioners. It forecasts a 9.2 year payback period for putting solar panels on selected roofs of our municipal buildings.
- On 7/10/24, The Commissioners unanimously approved a motion for the Township to hire a structural engineering firm to perform structural analyses on the Police/Admin and Public Work roofs to ascertain that they will support solar panels.
- On 7/10/24, The Commissioners unanimously voted that Alex Waldman be appointed a full EAC member. Congrats and welcome, Alex!
- On 7/10/24, the Commissioners referred a request from Sierra Club that they sign a letter in support of Community Choice Aggregation to the EAC for further analysis.
- On 7/10/24, the Commissioners unanimously authorized the execution of an easement to protect from any future development 3.47 acres of Carson Valley property ("the Carson Meadow") as a stormwater detention basin.

Techo Trash

We filled up and shipped out a techno trash. It was our last one, so we are ordering another. Its been a steady pace on usage.

Bag ordinance

Ben went to the Dim Sum factory and made the manager aware of the bag ordinance. They were receptive to the information.

Reusable bags

Stephen will contact a few organizations to see if we can donate the bags to them.

Open Space Subcommittee

We have been recruiting for a participant from each of the following township commissions and advisory committees: Shade Tree Commission, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission, as they are stakeholders in open space preservation in the township. So far, Ted Bell from the Shade Tree Committee has agreed to participate. We are still in the recruitment process for the other two. If you know of anyone from either of those groups that might be interested, please let me (Gail) know. We will schedule our next meeting once we have finalized the participants for this group.

Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership

The Partnership is in the final stages of drafting the shared Water Quality Improvement Plan. The goal is for the technical subcommittee to complete the analysis and review the draft in the next couple of months. Once the technical subcommittee has a finished draft, then the draft will be reviewed by the management committee at large. In the meantime, Wissahickon Trails will be meeting with each municipality (on behalf of the technical subcommittee) to review the project list associated with the plan to make sure it is still up to date. In addition, the group is working towards becoming a legal consortium, they currently have an RFP out for a lawyer to do the legal work associated with forming the consortium.

ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING EAC EVENTS

August 28, 2024 7 PM – Springfield Township Free Library

Please note, EAC agendas are subject to change without notice.