

EAC July 24th, Wed.

7 PM Springfield Township Free Library

Minutes

EAC Website -

<https://www.springfieldmontco.org/government/advisory-boards-committees/environmental-advisory-commission/>

Attending

- Chuck, Martin, Stephen, Aaron, Ben, Alex, Brendan, Gail, Pat, Joy (remote), Patrick

Audience count: 6

Minutes

- Welcome & Introductions
- Audience interests
 - Friends of Mermaid Park
 - General Interest in the EAC
 - Also interest in open space
- Minutes update
 - Corrections: Corrections: dam would cover a quarter of county operational needs. And working with three other collar counties. Also clarified action items for materials.
 - June minutes passed with corrections noted.
- No old business.
- Joy - HS Sustainability club membership. Put forward idea of having a student representative attend the EAC. Non-voting member. Have a HS student who would like to set this up. Put out that we would add a position, non-voting of student liaison. EAC agreement to maintain an associate member position for a high school student rep who resides in the township. Renewed annually like any other associate member.
 - Motion - inform BoC we would like to reserve an associate member as a regular practice for a high school student, which would be re-appointed annually.
 - Martin will get it advertised on the township website we are seeking a student associate member.
- Ben - Re-Certification of the township in the Sustainable program - still working to determine current status and what our next steps are. Working through technical issues with credentials. Once we have access we'll review and come back with what we want to do with recertification.
- No mow may feedback

- Provided audience with background on no mow may.
- Get it into the newsletter for next year (likely Spring) to make it clear who to contact about signing up for next year.
- Plan for a talk on providing information on how residents can change their lawn and have a local resident involved in this to provide the talk.
- Newsletter - Mike Taylor asked Joy to write up an article covering all the township energy savings. Joy will circulate a draft when its ready. It will go into the Fall newsletter.
- Previous month - Dam project - we were going to wait for the assessment results for environmental impact before putting forward a vote for EAC support of this project.
 - FERC Docket # P-15347.
 - Will likely be months before the assessment is done.
- EAC will hold off on the Community Aggregation request of the board to support because it only applies to boroughs and not townships, so no need to provide support at this time.
- Township updates - Brendan
 - Board voted to look at structural integrity to hold solar on the buildings (police, admin, and public works)
 - Protected 3.47 acres of Carson Valley as a meadow so it won't be developed. There is still a lot of discussion with the Trust and parties as to what is going to happen.
 - Discussion on this was around the idea the township open space fund and how it could play a role to help support protection of this land.
- Confirmed our budget for this year, \$3,500 budget, \$900 used. Aaron would like to consider getting shirts for EAC members for use in our community functions and engagement.
- The collection of reusable bags was donated to St. Miriam's for their outreach program. 83 in total bags were donated.