

# EAC June 2025 Minutes

Wed. June 25th 2025 - 7 PM - Free Library of Springfield Township

## Attending

- Brendan May, Pat DePaul, Pat Hynes, Adam Thorp, Martin Ryan, Tyler Focht, Ben Schimeneck, Joy Bergey, Stephen Heverin
- Audience: 4 members

## Minutes

- Call to order and poll the audience for their items
- Discussed minutes; need to check w/ Jamie on the Jan/Feb/March minutes to website. April minutes and May minutes to still be approved. Will approve all minutes at July meeting
- General public comments / open forum: nothing outside of the agenda
- Mermaid Park Maintenance:
  - Update from Friends of Mermaid (FoM) on their meeting w/ Emily regarding the deer guards and some other requests in regards to mowing. Open question for the comment that was raised: "what is the maintenance plan for the riparian buffer and native plant garden put in by the EAC". Unknown who raised this.
    - Clarification on who does what: Friends of Mermaid Park manage the native plant garden which is doing well. The deer sleeves were removed by parks because they had outgrown them (at least for birch trees by the riparian buffer, the newer trees on the walking path still have them)
    - Discussion around some additional work needed at the parks and coordination of requests for work required on our parks.
    - The gap discussed is around the need for an arborist/gardener experience in the township.
    - FoM could pick up some basic tasks such as the deer sleeves.
    - Next steps: FoM send to Commissioner May their needs and he'll help coordinate across the interested parties (FoM, Parks, EAC)
- Discussed at length severe weather response and looking at what we can advocate for at all levels for improving our resilience with the increase and intensity of storms.
  - Action: Stephen to drive further research and come to next meeting with a draft letter and recommendations of actions to bring forward for eventual submission to the BoC
- Letter from local middle school student, Mr. McDermott expressing his concern over climate change and taking action to stop it. Our HS rep, Adam, took up to respond to Mr. McDermott and meet with him.

- Read out of the No Mo May results. Only 1 complaint to code enforcement on a No Mow May participant.
  - Action: Martin will provide the readout to be included in the minutes. Overall all positive comments.
- Open Space letter - Ben - Motion to approve sending the letter; Unanimous. Ben will copy Aaron and get the latter sent to the BoC. It will include a request to present to the August BoC workshop meeting.
- Specifications on the Green Roof - Follow-up on question from previous question about efficacy of the green roof. Pat DePaul will provide Stephen with the information we have on the spec of the roof when it was built to be included and published in these minutes.
- Solar roof for the township buildings - All the bids are due by July 11th. Several contractors have put in bids. Should be able to still take advantage of the IRA benefits for the cost as well.
- Township Updates
  - Bucks Water and Sewer are doing a replacement of several sections of sanitary sewer pipe on Hull Drive. They are also going to be taking camera views from their respective houses and let the homeowners know if there are any concerns. Portions of Elsston, Wyndmoor and South Hampton drive. Help to address storm water issues.
  - Carson Valley - what is being done is still being looked into.
  - Rec center update - currently in a little bit of a pause. The plan was presented at the previous BoC workshop meeting. The plan was coming in at \$20m, when the original expectation was more at \$15m. More discussion to come.
- Yard waste disposal issue; this has been addressed.