

EAC Meeting Minutes

September 24th 2025 - 7 PM Springfield Township Free Library

Attending

- Brendan May, Pat DePaul, Pat Hynes, Adam Thorp, Martin Ryan, Ben Schimeneck, Joy Bergey, Stephen Heverin
- Guests: 5

Minutes

- Introductions & poll the audience for items
 - Shade Tree
 - Friends of Mermaid
 - Native Plants / Open Space
 - Deer
 - Electric leaf blowers (for)
- Approval of the June minutes
 - One correction to Carson valley notes, motion to approve, unanimous.
- Audience issues
 - Friends of Mermaid park - Fire Dept. practicing at USDA and spraying into the park in the dark.
 - Deer - discussion on the larger issue of culling deer. Discussed how its been discussed at a larger level with Rep Nelson and surrounding townships. Other townships around us do this. Larger issue is how populated the township is and how to deer culling in a way. Provided information about how others pursue this in terms of using bow hunting in tree stands.
 - Question, what does the state do in our local parks.
 - Whitemarsh township [policy](#) on culling.
 - PA Game commission on deer management assistance program ([dmap](#)). [Background](#) on deer management policy.
 - Electric leaf blowers - advocate for moving to electric leaf blowers, mentioned working with his HOA to get their management company to address.
- Community Day - Sunday October 5th
 - Anyone who can help should reach out to Aaron who is leading the organization of setup and staffing from 10 am to 1 pm.

- High School Sustainability club - Working with Adam, will start that back up in November for meetings. Adam will work with Nell and Lilly to coordinate meeting dates with Joy and Martin.
- Township Solar Project - unanimous to put solar on public works and police/admin building. This will generate power for all three buildings, and charging infrastructure needs as the fleet continues to electrify. Cost is reduced from the 30% of Biden IRA plan. There is a possibility to get more funding from the county that is being looked into. The payback period is just under 4 years. Grant funding helped to pay for the research and investigation into this.
- Rec Center - initial estimates came up considerably high, being scaled back with the architects to meet what the township can reasonably pay for while still meeting most needs.
- Flourtown Country Club lease was renewed for 2 years by BOC. Also looking at doing an energy audit there, like we've done at the other municipal buildings with great positive results.
 - Also committed to looking at what is being used from pesticides and herbicides and other chemicals and improving what types of those are used and reducing the negative impacts to the environment.
 - Action: look to find those public standards and share them out.
- EAC received a student letter, Stephen will coordinate with Adam to engage them with the HS sustainability club.
- Motion to adjourn.