

EAC September 2026 Meeting Minutes

Wed., September 23rd, 7 pm

Free Library of Springfield Township

Attendees:

- Joy, Beth, Stephen, Pat, Tyler, Ben, Commissioner May
- 4 audience members and Commissioner Ratsavong

Minutes

- Welcome & introductions
- Polling audience for
 - John Harkins, Atwood in Erdeheim - waiting to hear back from EAC interview
 - Terry H., Flourtown, Open space, native plant
 - Bud Cook, Wyndmoor, land conservation
 - Nima Koliwad Orelan, Outreach manager for Weavers Way Coop, working with Commissioner Ratsavong. Have their own environmental committee
- July minutes - to be sent by email and reviewed to be approved in next meeting
- Reminder to send Aaron anything to post for FB.
- Presentation by Susie about Cooperative Culture, what she's been engaged with Weavers Way Coop, regards to alignment at EAC.
 - Can you do something that is low lift, but allows us to engage with us as a community.
 - Discussed the herb garden that was put in at the library put in by Backyard Eats. (this should be a facebook post)
 - Other ideas are a skill share, repair swap, seed swap.
 - Commissioner Goldberg will be doing a "Tune Up" demo of some of this at Community Day.
 - Also with the ideas of thoughtful consumption and thoughtful disposal.
 - I (who - Stephen?) want to bring the idea of "buy nothing" in person swap.
 - Next event is on Monday, 10-12 to put a stand up and showcase the library herb garden
- Solar Ribbon cutting
 - Over 75 people and news coverage.

- The system is live and operational.
- Part of Philadelphia Solar Energy solar week.
- Article:
 - <https://www.chestnuthilllocal.com/stories/theyre-hoping-its-always-sunny-in-springfield-twp.41819>
- Already seeing it in our PECO Energy app and have already had some days where we've generated more energy than used.
- Mermaid park - getting riparian buffers planted. 3 dates to come out and help with planting the buffers. Mainly small trees and shrubs. Beth Zelasky is organizing
- Discussed ongoing budget requests and how revenue from native plant sale is managed from an accounting perspective
- Back to Earth Composting -> Patrick will be able to do a workshop on October 24th.
- Rep Nelson townhall, rescheduled to Oct 1st, Thursday, 7-8:30 PM in the main library building. Invited all 3 EACs to speak.
- Community day planning
- ECO Spartan update
- Township Updates
 - Have an agreement with Natural Lands to get a referendum for open space tax, the process will take some time to get through the process. Likely a 12 month process to vote on it.
- Suggestion from the audience, if there is an opportunity to put a playbook together on the solar project. Suggestion to memorialize the timeline, or suggestion.
- Suggestion to put up signage about the green roof and the solar panels we have to advertise it at ground level.