

SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OPMA Notification

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Members Present

- Richard Thumann
- Gaylen Nolan
- Christine Meloro
- Karen Burke
- Elizabeth Marcic

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the January 29, 2026 meeting were approved 5-0.

- Motion: Gaylen Nolan
- Second: Elizabeth Marcic

Old Business

December 2026 Meeting Date

The Environmental Commission approved the December 17, 2026 meeting date.

Beyond Plastics Presentation / Construction Dust Ordinance

Discussion of the Beyond Plastics initiative included recommendations previously considered for Borough Council.

- The Construction Dust Containment Ordinance originated as part of these discussions.

- Christine Meloro will track down the current status of the ordinance and resubmit it if necessary.

Skip the Stuff Law – Business Education

The Commission discussed that local businesses may not be fully informed about the ordinance, noting instances where plastic utensils were still being provided.

- Coast Star coverage already extensive; no additional coverage expected.
- Consider school flyer/poster campaign.
- Additional direct business outreach needed.

Planning Board / Affordable Housing Discussion

Discussion included Affordable Housing proposals advancing to meet the Borough's Fourth Round obligations.

Mazza Recycling Visit

Preliminary dates were discussed; a visit occurred after the meeting.

Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI)

No additional work has been completed recently on the ERI.

New Business

Earth Day Planning

- Create Earth Day flyer.
- Refresh energy tips with logo sticker.
- Printing via Town printer or Amazon.
- Budget remains \$3,000 for printing and outreach.

ANJEC Membership

Christine Meloro will confirm whether ANJEC dues are current.

Tree Planting Recognition

Discussion held to plant a Mulberry tree in honor of Nancy Maclearie; details to follow.

Member Availability

Christine Meloro will be on vacation from March 20 through May 4 and will miss the next two meetings.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

Approved 4-0
Richard Muro