

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2025

Attendees: Dan Dehner, Bill Silverstein, Jenny Ashbrook, Karen Shinkle, Paul Nuschke

Ad-hoc Members and Guest Attendees: Anthony Coschignano, Maureen Feyas, Michael Krauss, Shaina Barnes

Regrets: Krikor Panossian, Cory Salmon,

Next Steps / Identified Action Items:

Date Identified	Responsible Person	Description	Due Date
2025-12-17	Dan	work with Shaina on verbiage of recycling. Review the page and make it the best it can be, and then have a QR code to that page	Early January
2025-12-17	All Members	2026 topic point: Outdoor gas powered equipment ban or other solution(s)	Topic throughout 2026
2025-12-17	All Members	Media EAC request to pass a resolution about LNG Terminal. Review information provided by Dan	ASAP

Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes:

i. Next Steps:

1. Dan to provide Approved PDF version to Maureen

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2. Modified Agenda:

- i. Free the Trees update
 - 1. There is a group that picks up trash
 - 2. Want to target in March and April
 - 3. Parks committee meets 2nd Monday
 - 1. They are focused on invasive in the parks
- ii. Recycling through township mail
 - 1. No later than January 15th -ish
 - 2. There is a piece of paper on the tax bill
 - 3. What are the recycling hours
 - 4. Throw the lids in the trash
 - 5. Next Steps
 - 1. work with Shaina on verbiage of recycling
 - 2. review the page and make it the best it can be, and then have a QR code to that page

3. End of year Pizza Party:

4. New Business:

- i. Lower Merion Township Approves Gas Blower Ban:
 - 1. Discussion:
 - a. Lower Merion Township has recently approved a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers, following a public comment period.
 - b. The ordinance will phase out gas-powered leaf blowers from specific seasons in 2026, 2027, and 2028, with a complete ban starting in 2029.
 - c. The ban aims to create a cleaner and quieter environment by reducing noise pollution and air pollution.
 - d. Violators may receive a warning before facing fines, with escalating penalties for repeated violations.
 - e. This decision marks Lower Merion Township as the first in Pennsylvania to implement such a ban, reflecting a growing trend among suburban communities to promote environmentally friendly landscaping practices.
 - 2. Next Steps:

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- a. 2026 topic point: Outdoor gas powered equipment ban or other solution(s)
 - a. what are we talking about, why is it a problem
 - b. look into the language
- ii. Media EAC Request:
 - 1. NPT to pass a resolution opposing construction of a LNG terminal anywhere in Delaware County
 - 2. Next Steps:
 - a. This needs to be researched
 - a. We need to be more informed
 - b. Accepting volunteers to head up this research
 - a. Dan to send information to the whole group: Michael, Jenny, Karen, whole group

5. Calendar Review:

6. Adjourn:

7. Next Meeting:

- i. Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Township Building:
 - 1. 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, except in January when it is on the 2nd Tuesday.
 - 2. The 2026 dates are 1/13, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1.