

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026

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

Ad-hoc Members and Guest Attendees: Janelle Cooney

Regrets: Cory Salmon, Michael Krauss, Shaina Barnes

Next Steps / Identified Action Items:

Date Identified	Responsible Person	Description	Due Date
2026-01-13	Dan	Provide Minutes to Maureen	Before next meeting
2026-01-13	Paul	Do an analysis on how often the NPT Website is used	Before next meeting
2026-01-13	Dan	Find out what McKinstry from Swarthmore is doing about opposing a LNG terminal in Delaware County	Before next meeting
2026-01-13	Dan	Share the current 100+ page Comprehensive plan with all Members and Michael	Before next meeting
2026-01-13	Dan	Send out the next meeting's invite 1 week ahead of scheduled meeting	1 week ahead of next meeting

Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes:

i. Discussion:

1. Approve minutes from December 17, 2025

ii. Next Steps:

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1. **Dan** to provide Approved PDF version to Maureen
2. **EAC Charter:**
 - i. Identifying environmental problems.:
 1. Recycling
 1. From the November, 2025 meeting: President of Commissioners requests EAC to discuss recycling communications
 1. e.g. Stickers, or some other means
 2. Discussion:
 - a. There are Township newsletters: 2 electronic and 1 physical
 - b. Communication: ideas: Fireside chat
 - c. Dan's recommendation: In January, we will do a brainstorm session:
 - i. Content: What do we want to say?
 - ii. Communication: How do we want to Say it?
 2. Recycling through township Bulletin (Which goes out with the tax bill)
 1. Communication is due NLT Wednesday, January 14th
 2. Discussed revamping the website to make it more Mobile Friendly
 3. Discussed Google Analytic
 4. Do an analysis on how often it is used - **Paul**
 5. At this point, use a QR code
 6. Encourage Recycling - if in doubt, throw it out - the township yard is open for Drop off of Yard Waste and if in doubt, throw it out
 7. Give her the size to put in there
 8. Possibly 2' by 6" wide
 2. Free the Trees update
 1. Possible dates the Weekend of April 11th and April 18th
 2. Scouts have an Eagle Scout
 - ii. Recommending plans and programs for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and

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improvement of the quality of the environment within the area of this township:

1. Rain Garden

1. Discussion:

1. Ongoing research work with the Students at Swarthmore
2. Upcoming Semester: What Grants can be used?

2. Outdoor gas powered equipment ban or other solution(s)

1. Discussion:

1. Will continue to be a main topic throughout 2026
2. Want to research and determine a solution vs. outright "Banning."

3. NPT to pass a resolution opposing construction of a LNG terminal anywhere in Delaware County

1. Discussion:

1. This is a McKinstry from Swarthmore question - **Dan** - find out what He and Swarthmore are doing
2. We feel this is more of a Delaware County issue
3. It makes less sense to make a township resolution but to have the township put pressure on Delaware County

iii. Making recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas of this township

1. No items to discuss

iv. Keeping an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including but not limited to flood-prone areas, swamps and other unique natural areas

1. Comprehensive Plan

1. Dan will join the committee in putting together the next NPT Comprehensive Plan
2. **Dan** - Share the plan with all Members and Michael

v. Undertaking such additional duties as requested by the Township Commissioners

1. See "**Recycling**" above

3. Administrative:

i. Looking for someone to take on a Vice-Chair role

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1. As long as it is limited to presiding over monthly meetings only, Paul Nuschke volunteered

4. New Business:

- i. Using "Invitations" to identify when we are meeting
 1. Discussion: Is it working? When is best to send the invite? 1 week ahead? 2 weeks ahead? Other?
 2. Next Steps:
 1. **Dan** to send out invite 1 week in advance of the meetings

5. Calendar Review:

6. Adjourn:

7. Next Meeting:

- i. Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Township Building: