

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2026

Attendees: Paul Nuschke (Host), Britt Dunning, Jenny Ashbrook, Karen Shinkle,

Ad-hoc Members and Guest Attendees:

Regrets: Dan Dehner, Bill Silverstein, Krikor Panossian, Cory Salmon, Michael Krauss, Shaina Barnes

Next Steps / Identified Action Items: None identified

Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes from the May Meeting:

1. Dan to provide Approved PDF version to Maureen

2. EAC Charter:

- i. Identifying environmental problems.:
 1. Recycling - no discussion
 2. Free the Trees
 1. Effort paused for summer.
 2. Talked about collaborating on a summary of the parks/township areas via Google docs (list of invasives and problems to fix). Everyone has access to Google docs
 3. Britt recommended that we reach out to local contractors as they are often the ones doing the work. Paul said he would contact his landscaper. Britt going to work on this.
- ii. Recommending plans and programs for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within the area of this township:
 1. Website
 1. Can the EAC area of the Website have links at the top to all the topics which fall below?
 - a. **Complete** - Website fixed to have links at top
 - b. Paul mentioned that is he redesigning website which should make it easier to find content

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2. Outdoor gas-powered equipment

1. Some research happened since May and a few grants were identified.
2. One township implemented a rebate program with a grant that allowed them to give back money if people purchased electric lawn equipment
3. Two things that would reduce use: less lawns and "leaving the leaves" in the fall, which provide a habitat for native insects

3. The EAC Speaker Series

1. We discussed the need to make a flyer. Jenny volunteered to help create one, focusing on the first four events in one flyer.
 - a. Once we have created Flyers, we will ask the Township and Commissioners to advertise among their constituents
2. The Series will run from Sept, 2026 through June, 2027
 - a. All Speaker topics to support Sustainability in one way or the other
 - b. We have a speakers lined up from September through December, 2026
 1. September, "Planting in the Fall" presented by Meghaan Carter, Master Gardener
 2. October, "Nesting and Overwintering Habitat" presented by Dr. Woody Kotch, Xerces Society Ambassador
 3. November, either "Circular Economy: What it is, how it works, what's happening now, and what the future holds" or "Achieving Zero Waste in Nether Providence" presented by Jonathan Winder, Environmental Expert
 4. December, "Composting, what is it, why is it good, how you can compost" presented by Chris Pieretti, Compost Expert

iii. Making recommendations...

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- iv. Keeping an index...
 - 1. **There will be no effort expended on this topic until the Township releases a useable Comprehensive Plan**
- v. Undertaking such additional duties as requested by the Township Commissioners
 - 1. No discussion
- 3. **Administrative:**
 - i. Thinking about 2027, when should the EAC Meet?
 - 1. Options are:
 - 1. Dan recommends moving from the 1st Tuesday of the month to the 3rd Tuesday of the month
 - a. Due to holidays, and the potential to be bumped by the Planning Commission
 - 2. Dan recommends moving the timing from 7:00 PM to 6:30 PM
 - 3. The EAC needs to inform the Township Manager no later than our September meeting of any changes to our 2027 calendar
 - 4. All changes will be in effect as of January 1, 2027
 - 2. Discussion
 - 1. We talked about moving to 3rd Tuesday of month to reduce conflicts with NPT commissioner meetings - no big objections. The main advantage of the first Tuesday is that it's easy to remember.
 - 2. We talked about there being another room downstairs where the parks commission meets - we wondered why we didn't use that.
- 4. **New Business:**
 - i. Talked about planting more trees around the township. We agreed but thought that was more in the Shade Tree Commission area. But we think that they aren't meeting anymore?
 - ii. Britt brought up that he wanted to contribute something to the group.

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1. He asked about how we had gotten started on free the trees and other initiatives.
 2. We discussed that it would be useful to have a summary of everything "environmental" that we should be evaluating and agreed to research that and present it back to the group.
 1. As an example, we have discussed "air pollution" much yet, but only tangentially through LNG and the gas-powered equipment discussion.
 - iii. We also talked about how a central need going forward is "communication" with the township residents.
 1. One idea discussed was that we should attend township events to present information on what we are up to.
 2. The Strawberry festival at Wallingford Pres, and the family fun fare at Oct 11 were two ideas.
5. **Calendar Review:**
- i. No discussion
6. **Adjourn:**
7. **Next Meeting:**
- i. Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Township Building 2nd floor conference room: