

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2026

Attendees: Dan Dehner, Bill Silverstein, Paul Nuschke

Ad-hoc Members and Guest Attendees: Brian Ward, Janelle Cooney

Regrets: Krikor Panossian, Lili Panossian, Karen Shinkle, Britt Dunning, Jenny Ashbrook, Cory Salmon, Shaina Barnes

Next Steps / Identified Action Items:

Date Identified	Responsible Person	Description	Due Date
2026-08-04	All EAC Members & Ad-Hoc	Talk up the Speaker Series - Dan will send out Fliers to use on Social Media	ASAP
2026-08-04	Dan	Family Fun Fair - find out more information - add to the September Agenda	Sept mtng
2026-08-04	Dan	Circle back to voting members and gauge whether to keep the 2027 monthly meeting time at 7:00 PM, or change it?	Sept mtng
2026-08-04	Dan	Give Paul and Karen access to Google Docs, "Outdoor Gas Powered Equipment"	ASAP
2026-08-04	Dan	Give Paul access to Google Docs, "Free the Trees"	ASAP

Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes:

1. Dan to provide Approved PDF version to Maureen

2. EAC Charter:

- i. Identifying environmental problems.:
 1. Recycling

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2. Free-the-Trees

1. It would be good to continue with the Furness effort
2. There is a company which came in to Furness to spray Herbicide
 - a. Dan to Follow up on that

3. Summary of Environmental activities:

1. Recycling

- a. Mostly Bill Silverstein
- b. Had kicked around the idea of stickers - that idea fell flat.
 - i. Dan to look into Social Media

2. Free the trees

- a. Review Google Docs
 - i. Who wants access?
 1. Paul give access
- b. Will be ongoing for another decade

3. Rain Garden

- a. The two displayed rain gardens in NPT are a disgrace
- b. Swarthmore Students have created a useable Native Plant Plan
 - i. There is an Eagle Scout currently using the Native Plant Plan in his project on Avondale Road, at the Smedley Leiper Avondale Trail Head.
 - ii. How can we publish this to the website so our residents can access it?

4. Speaker Series

- a. Allows EAC to reach out to Residents
- b. All topics support Sustainability

5. Outdoor Gas Powered Equipment

- a. Review Google Docs
 - i. Who wants access?
 1. Paul give access
- b. Impact to environment, bit air and noise pollution
- c. What Alternatives can be implemented
- d. We want to stay away from "Banning" the use of...

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- 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. The EAC Speaker Series ([Link](#))
 - 1. Would like EAC members to talk this up and share on your social Media and any other outlet to promote this series.
 - 2. PRC E-waste recycling
 - 1. Rose Tree Park - Route 252 entrance
 - 2. Wednesday, October 21 • 9 AM - 1 PM
 - 3. [Link](#) to registration:
 - iii. Making recommendations...
 - 1. **There will be no effort expended on this topic until the Township releases a useable Comprehensive Plan**
 - 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 new requests from Township Commissioners
3. **Administrative:**
- i. Michael Krauss
 - 1. Resigned from being an Ad-Hoc member
 - ii. Vote on New Meeting Date / Time
 - 1. Thinking about 2027, when should the EAC Meet?
 - 1. Options are:
 - a. Day or Month:
 - i. Dan recommends moving from the 1st Tuesday of the month to the 3rd Tuesday of the month
 - ii. Due to holidays, and the potential to be bumped by the Planning Commission
 - b. Time of day:
 - i. Dan recommends moving the timing from 7:00 PM to 6:30 PM

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- c. The EAC needs to inform the Township Manager no later than our September meeting of any changes to our 2027 calendar
 - i. All changes will be in effect as of January 1, 2027

2. The vote to change the day:

a.

Name	Y or N
Dan Dehner	Y
Bill Silverstein	Y
Britt Dunning	Y
Jenny Ashbrook	Y
Karen Shinkle	Y
Krikor Panossian	Y
Paul Nuschke	Y

4. New Business:

- i. Outdoor Sustainability Classroom:
 - 1. Location: Strathaven Middle School
 - 2. Discussion by Brian Ward
 - 1. Looking for Grants - possibly through PECO/Epsilon (???)
- ii. From Britt Dunning:
 - 1. Potentially having a booth at the Family Fun Fair to provide information about recycling and maybe Free the Trees as well.
 - 1. Someone from the EAC needs to step up
 - a. Dan to find out more information
 - b. Paul might want to do something along those lines
- iii. Mosquito Spray information
 - 1. Presented by Jannelle
 - 2. Has fliers describing the negative effects of Spraying

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5. Calendar Review:

6. Adjourn:

7. Next Meeting:

- i. September 1, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Township Building 2nd floor conference room
 - 1. Will have a Guest Speaker, Meghaan Carter, Master Gardener: Planting in the Fall

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FALL SPEAKER SERIES

01

SEPT
7:00PM

PLANTING IN FALL

Meghaan Carter
Master Gardener



06

OCT
7:00PM

NESTING & OVER WINTERING HABITAT

Dr. Woody Kotch
PA Master Naturalist



03

NOV
7:00PM

THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Jonathan Winder, MBA
TRUE Advisor



01

DEC
7:00PM

COMPOSTING

Chris Pieretti
Compost Site Manager



THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7 PM
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SERIES

NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP BUILDING
214 SYKES LANE, WALLINGFORD