Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2026

Attendees: Dan Dehner, Bill Silverstein, Britt Dunning, Karen Shinkle, Krikor Panossian, Paul Nuschke

Ad-hoc Members and Guest Attendees: Lili Panossian, Meghaan Carter, Pankaj Chopra, Jonathan Winder

Next Steps / Identified Action Items:

Date Identified	Responsible Person	Description	Due Date
2026-09-01	Dan	Find out the answer to the open SWIFR question	Next EAC meeting
2026-09-01	Dan	Check and report back to see if NP has an ordinance on the books banning tall grass	Next EAC meeting
2026-09-01	Dan	Keep "Family Fun Day" on the agenda for October	Next EAC meeting

Agenda:

- **Guest Speaker**
  - Meghaan Carter: Planting in the Fall
    - Link to presentation:
- **Approve Minutes**:
  - Next Steps:
    - Dan to provide Approved PDF version to Maureen
- **EAC Charter**:
  - Identifying environmental problems.:
    - Recycling
      - To sticker, or not to sticker, that is the question
        - What is the best public education?
        - An idea to add it to the Newsletter
        - Discuss it at the classroom level
    - From the Delaware County Office of Sustainability
      - Rec'd a SWIFR Grant (Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program)

- 4 Projects in 1
    - Installation of a permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) facility at Transfer Station #3 in Marple Twp
    - Installation of a permanent recycling drop off area at Transfer Station #1 in Chester Twp
    - Installation of a composting facility at Transfer Station #1, owned by DCSWA and operated by a contractor
    - Establishing a community composting program for the residents of Chester Township, the host community for Transfer Station #1
- Discussion
    - The collection site is there but how does it get to the collection site?

- What Recycling is not
    - Link to **PIRG**: **Public** Interest **Research Group**
        - A study published by the Federal Governments Renewable Energy Lab, comparing mechanical and chemical recycling, is shining a light on the problems with chemical recycling.
        - **Mechanical recycling**
            - Is the process used by most towns and cities that does not change the chemical makeup of plastic
            - Mechanical recycling displays better environmental and economic performances than chemical recycling technologies.
        - **Chemical recycling**
            - Has an intense use of heat to change plastics' chemical makeup
            - Chemical recycling processes have worse environmental and economic outcomes than the production of virgin plastics because of the minimal production of "recycled" plastics they produce compared to the input of energy and materials.

            - According to the study, chemical recycling can be 10-100 times worse for the environment than virgin plastic production.
            - The study also points out that the claim that chemical recycling can infinitely recycle plastic is not true because only 1%-14% of the plastic material is recycled into new products.
        - Outdoor Gas Powered Equipment - discuss information gathering
            - There is a company offering lawn service as all electric (Look on Couples Lane)
        - LNG Regional Update - the news is not good
    - 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:
        - Free-the-Trees - discuss preparations for next outing
    - Making recommendations…
        - **There will be no effort expended on this topic until the Township releases a useable Comprehensive Plan**
    - Keeping an index…
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    - Undertaking such additional duties as requested by the Township Commissioners
        - No Requests from Township Commissioners

- **Administrative**:
    - The vote: Change the meeting time in 2027
        - Keep at 7:00 PM = Y
        - Change to another time = N

Name	Y or N
Dan Dehner	Y
Bill Silverstein	Y
Britt Dunning	Y

Name	Y or N
Jenny Ashbrook	
Karen Shinkle	N - 6:30PM
Krikor Panossian	Y
Paul Nuschke	Y

        - Results:
            - Beginning in January, 2027, the EAC monthly meeting will be as follows:
                - The 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM
    - Rethinking the Website
        - I would like 1 or 2 other EAC Members to review the current Website and make recommendations for improvement
            - Paul, Krikor, Lili
        - I would like to include our new "Speaker Series to be represented on the EAC area of the Website

- **New Business and Upcoming Events**:
    - Some Environmental Suggestions:
        - PennPIRG (Pennsylvania Public Interest Research Group)
            - As mentioned above, they are very active an many initiatives.
            - Can we create a link to them from our page on the Township Website?
            - Their Website (Link)
        - New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL)
            - Ecology-based Landscape Practice
            - Lawn-to-Meadow Transition
                - Live virtual session: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026 3:00 - 4:15 PM ET
                - Registration (Link) - there is a fee
            - Dan to Check and report back to see if NP has an ordinance on the books banning tall grass

- Family Fun Day:
  - Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Strath Haven Middle School Parking lot
    - Set up begins at 10:30 AM
  - We can reserve a Table
    - The size of the space is about a Parking Spot, maybe a little less
    - The Township will provide a table
    - What do we present at a table?
      - Stickers
      - Recycling Display
        - What can be recycled ot not
        - There were prizes for the above
      - Free the tree fliers
      - Speaker Series Fliers
  - Who will operate the table?
    - Maybe:
      - Paul, Britt, Krikor, Lili, Karen
  - Application for Family Fun Day
    - Must be returned ASAP - Complete

- EAC & Municipal Sustainability Conference:
  - Hosted by WeConcervePA
    - Link to registration (Link)
  - Saturday, October 24th, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
  - Location:
    - Retreat to St. Thomas
    - 7020 Camp Hill Road
    - Fort Washington, PA 19034

- **Calendar Review**:

- **Adjourn**:

- **Next Meeting**:
  - October 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Township Building 2nd floor conference room:

Family Fun Day Application

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 1:37 PM

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NPT Family Fun Day Vendor Registration 2026

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Event is from 12:00 PM through 3:00 PM Setup can begin at 10:30 AM

Name: _____

Business Name:_____

Contact Email & Phone:_____

Product

Category:_____

Registration Closes October 1st.

Registration fee is $25.00 Once Approved

Cash or Check can be mailed or dropped off at:

Nether Providence Township

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