Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2026

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

Ad-hoc Members and Guest Attendees: Lili Panossian, Jonathan Winder, Clara Winder, Victor Lefever, Karen Sawyer, Janelle Cooney, Dan Green, Heidi Winder, Joni Carley

Regrets: Britt Dunning,

Next Steps / Identified Action Items:

Date Identified	Responsible Person	Description	Due Date
2026-11-10	Bill	Introduce Dan to your contact in Rutledge	ASAP
2026-11-10	Paul	Introduce Dan to your contact in Rose Valley	ASAP
2026-11-10	Dan	Find out what are Swarthmore Recycling rules	ASAP
2026-11-10	Dan	Find out how often does the township sends out the newsletter	By next meeting
2026-11-10	Paul & Dan	Identify the target dates for Free the trees. e.g. Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar	By next meeting
2026-11-10	Jenny	Review information on Data Centers - Use the Sierra Club link	By next meeting
2026-11-10	Dan	Look up the County Waste Plan	By next meeting

Agenda:

1. **Guest Speaker**
    i. Johnathan Winder, Circular Economy: What it is, how it works, what's happening now, and what the future holds

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2. **Approve Minutes**:

3. **EAC Charter**:
    i. Identifying environmental problems.:
        1. Recycling
            1. Messages to students - work with Brian Ward
                a. On Hold until we can find out what Swarthmore is doing
                b. Rutledge (Bill to introduce Dan) and Rose Valley - (Ask Paul for contact information)
                c. Dan to find out what are Swarthmore Recycling rules
            2. Small messages to adults who do not have kids at school age
                a. Consider using the NPT Mailer
            3. Bill - Contracts are out for bid, or almost out
        2. Outdoor Gas-Powered Equipment
            1. Possibly Middletown township offered financial assistance
            2. Possibly reward businesses that have switched
            3. Contact businesses that have switched for their feedback (Paul to look into this)
            4. How often does the township send out newsletter
    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. Free-the-Trees
            1. Paul and Dan - identify the next date
            2. What to do with Dead trees - Dan to ask Maureen about it
    iii. Making recommendations…
        1. **On hold pending a completed comprehensive plan**
    iv. Keeping an index…
        1. **On hold pending a completed comprehensive plan**
    v. Undertaking such additional duties as requested by the Township Commissioners

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1. Walkable Wallingford Initiative
    1. Their Purpose
        a. Developing and maintaining a sidewalk plan for the Township.
        b. Recommending priorities for future sidewalk installations based on connectivity, pedestrian safety, and community needs.
        c. Supporting initiatives that improve walkability and pedestrian safety throughout the Township.
    2. Their Ask
        a. The group is currently taking shape
        b. Commissioner Max Cooper is leading the effort
        c. Currently looking for 1 representative from each Ward to be on the committee

4. **Administrative**:
    i. ~~Report on EAC & Municipal Sustainability Conference~~
        1. ~~Did Not Attend - was ill~~
    ii. Rethinking the Website (*Sub-Committee*)
        1. Need to meet to discuss the Website
            1. Paul, Krikor, Lili - when can we meet?
                a. Dan to send everyone an e-mail - Complete

5. **New Business and Upcoming Events**:
    i. Data Centers - the time to prepare is now - Jenny will look into this
        1. From my contact at Media EAC:
            1. There are plans for a Data Center in Trainer/Lower Chichester on an old Congoleum site.
        2. Sierra Club web site w/ model Data Center Ordinances (Link)
            1. Who can take this on and own it going forward?
    ii. As a part of Resolution 2021-9, the EAC should actively develop:
        1. Nether Providence Township Zero Waste Plan
        2. So one area to focus on would be “what is left for NPT to do and how does that tie into/participate in the county initiatives?
            - Do we in fact write an NPT zero waste plan?

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- Do we implement food waste collection for composting?
- Any other targeted recycling (batteries, clear glass, cardboard)
- Share information on reuse, donation options to keep other materials out of trash?
- Any improvements or additions to our curbside recycling?
- Seems unlikely, but any change to our trash contracting (subscription) method?

3. Maybe update at upcoming meeting (give everyone more of a basis) and discuss next steps at the following meeting?
4. Dan to look up the County Waste Plan

6. **Calendar Review**:

7. **Adjourn**:
   i. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

8. **Next Meeting**:
   i. Dec 1, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Township Building 2nd floor conference room:
      1. Scheduled Speaker: Chris Pieretti: Composting, what is it, why is it good, how you can compost

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