

**Washington Township
Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)
Meeting minutes – June 9, 2025**

Call to order: Chairperson Susan Hu started the meeting at 6pm.

Roll-call: Attending – Susan Hu, Dwayne Henne, Dot Dornsite, Shannon Delp, Matt Rhoades, Tara Christman. Guest – Mark Bedle, P&R Board Chair

Recording of minutes: The EAC Chairperson asked if anyone is taping the meeting (none). The EAC Secretary & Chairperson are keeping a handwritten record of the meeting.

Approval of May EAC minutes. A copy has been circulated to all members by email. Approved by those attending the May meeting. 1st by Shannon Delp, 2nd by Dwayne Henne. Tara Christman and Matt Rhoades were not able to attend the May meeting and abstained. They must sign a legal abstention document.

Special requests – none

New business

Township Clean-up event August 2nd.

- EAC volunteer workers are needed for (1) traffic control (2) assistance to vendors. An EAC person must arrive early to greet vendors and assist them in setting up. Dwayne will arrange for this as he manages the recycling center.
- Su Hu will provide a pick-up truck to collect appliances that EAC will transport to a vendor in Reading. A EAC person will manage this.
- Because of multiple events that morning, Dwayne will ask maintenance to have the maintenance building gates open for easy exit of clean-up customers.
- Shannon will be in contact with the vendors prior to the event with reminders and notice of the road being closed from Route 100 inward due to construction.
- Advertising will continue with flyers handed out at recycling, the township website, and the township Facebook page.
- Susan Hu is hosting a picnic at her house afterwards (arrival 11:30-12pm) for EAC members and recycling workers. Guests can bring side-dish or dessert items. Susan will prepare a handout with directions to her house. Dwayne will send out the invitation.

Fall Festival October 11th.

- Dwayne and his wife will prepare for a table(s) promoting Berks Nature, PA Native Plant Society, and the township EAC. EAC table items need to be discussed.

Parks & Recreation Board cooperation on projects

- Lenape road native plant restoration project – research on techniques, possible free seeds and grant(s). Supervisor approval necessary before applying for grants. Susan and Dwayne will work on this endeavor with assistance by Mark Bedle.

Recycling center

- Research on recycling center grants – Township Manager Susan Brown keeps abreast of recycling center grants in cooperation with Jane Meeks of Berks Solid Waste Authority. Susan Brown itemizes the volumes from Cougles and Groff.
- Jerry returned his key since he had to retire from the EAC. Both Matt and Dwayne now have Red Barn keys.
- Dwayne will meet with Twp. Manager Susan Brown to create a 6-month financial report for the recycling center.

Berks County Planning Commission – Perkiomen Mapping and Flood Mitigation Study

- Virtual seminar meetings on June 18th, 3-4:30 and 7-8:30.
- BCPC requests that a representative from Washington Township attend. Tara and Dwayne will attend.
- Note that Washington Twp. Is the headwaters of Perkiomen Creek.

Subdivision and Open Space Reviews – none

Old business – none

EAC Reports and Recommendation Letters – none

Communications – none

Announcements

- Next board of Supervisors meeting on June 12th is cancelled, rescheduled to June 26th 7pm.
- Next Red Barn recycling is Wednesday night June 18th 7-8pm
- Next EAC meeting is July 14th at 6pm. Start time may be extended to 7pm in the future to allow everyone to arrive on time.

Adjournment – motion by Su Hu, 2nd by Matt Rhoades.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne Henne

Dwayne Henne, EAC Secretary