

**Washington Township
Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)
Meeting minutes – July 14, 2025**

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

Roll-call: Attending – Susan Hu, Dwayne Henne, Tara Christman.

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 June EAC minutes. A copy had been circulated to all members by email. Approved by those attending this July meeting. 1st by Susan Hu, 2nd by Dwayne Henne. Tara Christman.

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.
- Susan will provide a pick-up truck to collect electronics that EAC will transport to a vendor in Reading. Susan 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 has been in contact with the vendors with reminders and notice of the road being closed from Route 100 inward due to construction.
- Advertising has been done 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 reminder invitations.

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.

Parks & Recreation Board cooperation on projects

- Lenape road native plant restoration. Discussed allowing grass to grow, forming a natural meadow. The original arrangement with the home owners must be researched. Needs further discussion.
- Reserve at Barto open space and fee in lieu decisions. Ongoing collaboration with Planning Commission, and discussion in EAC.
- Fee in lieu of open space in new developments. Does this dollar amount go into a Recreation & Parks/EAC account? This is a current township discussion.

Berks County Planning Commission – Perkiomen Mapping and Flood Mitigation Study

- Susan and Dwayne attended the virtual seminar meetings on June 18th.

Washington township Recycling Center

- 2025 6-month cost for Cougles services - \$997.80
- One bale of aluminum to Groff - \$125 revenue
- Current net loss of \$872.80. Township budget line item covers this.

Subdivision and Open Space Reviews – none

Old business – none

EAC Reports and Recommendation Letters – none

Communications – none

Announcements

- Next Red Barn recycling is Wednesday July 16, 7-8pm.
- Next EAC meeting is August 11, 2025 6pm. Virtual or in office TBD.

Adjournment – motion by Su Hu, 2nd by Tara Christman.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne Henne

Dwayne Henne, EAC Secretary