

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2026 7pm**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tara Christman called the EAC meeting to order at 7pm, in the township meeting room

ROLL CALL

EAC members present: Tara Christman, Barbra Dunn, Bill Peirsol, Julia Smith

Others present: Board of Supervisors Rommie Long and Matt McClusky, Dwayne Henne and 1 new member of the EAC, Katrina Faust voted in at the Park and Rec Board Mtg on 3/10.

WELCOME!

TAPING OF MEETING

Secretary Barb Dunn. Tara Christman and Bill Peirsol EAC Committee member taped the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved by Barb, second by Bill meeting minutes from February 11, 2026

NEW BUSINESS

Datacenter ordinance

- No revised copy yet after feedback given at BOS meeting.
- Wildlife, Agriculture and Buffer extension concerns brought up at Planning Commission Mtg. EAC to submit a summary of recommendations to include these items.
- Solar panels being considered? Any impact to water would prevent a datacenter built. Better language needed ex. Periodic testing a must.
- Ordinance change requires 90 days to become effective. The first draft needs to be as concrete as possible. Avoiding gray areas.
- Tara to write up a recommendation letter – Tara made a motion, Barb 2nd.

Joint comprehensive plan overview and survey

- Not relevant - skipped

Recreation committee update

- Natural Lands – worked with us at one time. They would like to do more in Berks County. They're doing a lot of work in Chester County.
- They do various planning, master plan, research, review Saldo's and services. Natural lands to come and speak to our boards on what they do, and they do receive federal monies and willing to use this to support Washington Township. Ties into Comprehensive plan. Saldo can reach out to them to gather details on preservation of green space.

- Tara to make a recommendation to REC that EAC would like them to speak to Planning / Rec and EAC. Bill made the motion, Barb 2nd the motion,

SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW

1. Dale Road Subdivision - revised plan dated 01/14/26
 2. Reserve at Barto - revised plan dated 02/10/26
 3. 1606 Main St – revised plan dated 01/27/26
- Tara reached out to Lisa, all the above have gone through the review. Lisa to inform EAC when to review new / revised plans. She is requesting digital copies and will cc Tara.

OLD BUSINESS

Recycling Center updates:

- Confirmed the recycling center is quite busy. Not many instances of refusal of items brought to the center.
- Volunteer count is amazing. Volunteer / Waiver form, Cougles update, feedback from volunteers continues. Some plastics are not recyclable.
- The cardboard is currently going to Douglas Montgomery township so we aren't getting money or credit for this. (including cans). Cougles also gets cardboard (split to avoid renting a 4th dumpster)
- Missy stated Whitetail is providing weights on recycle (tonnage). Also provided last year's report. \$1817.23 cost. Performance grant not received yet.
 - Will provide Bill a copy of the contract.
- We agreed to give Bill 1 month to collect information and figure out rental costs, fees charged, grants and how best to move forward to make this a break even or hopefully a profit.
- We pay Cougles \$183 / month to take it. 16 months left on contract. Any new contract must include storage fees, pickup fees, swap fees, extra costs, hidden costs, etc.
- Shredded office paper may be a source of income. We had a paper vendor at one time but they went out of business. Possible grant to get a shredder?
- Recycling Newsletter due by Mid-May. Bill to provide.

Budget item for \$30,000 for radios to be moved.

- Agreed that this will be moved.

Financials update

- Missy sent Tara some financials.
- Bill has collected information for recycling 2025 year.

ACTION ITEMS

- EAC to submit a summary of recommendations for the data center ordinance.
- Tara to make a recommendation to Planning / REC that EAC would like Natural Lands to speak to them and EAC.
- Recycling Newsletter due by Mid-May. Bill to provide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a workshop meeting for the BOS on 3/12/26 7pm
The next regular BOS meeting is 3/26/26 7pm.
The next planning commission meeting is 4/2/26 7pm
The next recreation committee meeting is 4/14/26 7pm

NEXT MEETING

April 8, 2026 7pm

ADJOURNMENT

Barb made a motion, Julia 2nd.