

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 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 and Katrina Faust

Others present: Board of Supervisors Romnie Long and Matt McCluskey

TAPING OF MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion is needed for approval of the meeting minutes from April 8, 2026. Katrina motioned, Julia 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Recycling Center Findings and Recommendations

- Barb distributed Findings/Recommendations report for EAC feedback. Changes made based on input.
- Barb gave a summary of findings during visit
 - Appears to be very overcrowded with approx. 25 barrels, wire ties on floor, 2 wired bales, tractor + numerous attachments, tires, cement bags, etc. Many items do not belong to the recycling center.
 - Double doors are blocked – cannot be used due to the tractor. It's a safety hazard. Suggest the double doors be used for traffic and reduce traffic in the baler area. Non-Recycling items are taking up almost half the space in the barn. There are 10 other bays on site, can the tractor be moved?
 - No supplies – no gloves, hand sanitizer, first aid kit, etc.
 - Step stools might help shorter volunteers to get bags into bins easily.
 - Bill feels more stuff to store, get in the way, how to safe guard then to put away.
 - Bill has no issues with reaching into the recycle bins.
 - People coming into the barn to unload cardboard – Katrina thought perhaps they are previous volunteers. Carts would help speed up unloading of cardboard. Bill doesn't believe carts are needed and would be difficult to store. Barb noted every load with cardboard took avg. 3 trips to unload.
 - The lighting is still not working. Can adjust the timer to work dusk to dawn per Matt.
 - 2 tied bales ready to go adding to overcrowding. Is there room for 2 more tied bales? Bil says yes.
- Fall cleanup for the newsletter did not contain car / truck / tractor batteries. Barb to update.
 - Fee should be \$3 per battery. All agreed. Bill to carry enough change.
- Bill provided an update to Cogle's discussion: Tiffany visited on 4/23. 4 bale ties are required; we use 5. No paper mixed in. Bales of paper are \$20, Cardboard bales are \$67.50 per ton. Alum can are .90 per lb. base .05 per lb. at a price of .85 per lb. We will send everything to Cougles. Previously we paid \$300 per month rent for tractor trailer pickup per Romnie. Matt offered to take the bales over in his trailer. Start with 4 bales on the trailer.
 - Per Romnie, need to be on BOS Agenda for Matt to use own trailer through 2026 to take Cougles per Romnie. Per Tara, to also add all cardboard to go to Cogle's

- Bill mentioned we are under contract until July 2027 - \$42.50 monthly per container. We don't use the 3rd one. If things go well with Cougles Tiffany may be able to work something out on the 3rd container.
- Bill to present recommendations at the BOS meeting and request approval.
- New Contract negotiations to start in Jan. 2027. Decision to be made in May / Early June.

Financials

- Baler ties purchased in 2023 for \$815, in 2016 it was \$156. Barb is not understanding what was purchased, who purchased it, how purchased. Per Romnie, probably part of the allowed budget expenses.
- Tara said to call Sue and ask for supplies. Gloves, hand sanitizer, first aid kit, etc.
- Shrinking grants – our costs are lower than everyone else per Jane Meeks. Our goal is to promote this to all residents. Not to make money, just break even. Some trash haulers charge for recycling.
- We need to verify if all tonnage is being reported. The tonnage reported from Mascaro was nearly 500 tons. This wasn't on the original tonnage reports provided. It came later, a report was sent to Tara upon request. Mascaro is Spring Valley's vendor.
- In 2022, appraisal fee of \$250 should not be charged to EAC

Keys to Barn

- People that used to be on the committee have keys. We need to get these keys back.
- Call Brian about the keys. We can talk to Sue about this.

Review of EAC summer cleanup posting for Newsletter

- Traffic will be much more since it's a normal recycle day. The back parking lot is used for tires, scrap metal, etc. Is it possible to open up the other gate to help with traffic flow? Soccer area has its own parking area.

Recycling ordinance draft for recommendation

- Cost of equipment – Ordinance is needed to qualify for a 902 grant. Not sure if this is necessary, we are not mandated. Not burning recycling materials may need to be more specific. We all need to read it and provide feedback on what's covered, not covered.

SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW

Grand View Festival

- No one knows current status. He rents the land, but doesn't own it yet. Settlement is at the end of August. Questionable. Liquors to be sold. Permits needed. We have no township ordinance for large gatherings like this. He said it has room for 1000 cars. Memorial weekend is the plan but doubtful it will happen.
- The parking site is in question. Maples Nature area is off limits. Other areas are designated as commercial not authorized for use. Grandview Race track will close off their parking lot. Event is free but parking is \$20

OLD BUSINESS

Visit to Natural Lands

- Is good with us visiting.

Latest Datacenter Ordinance

- On the agenda for 5/28

Lighting at Barn / Recycling Center

- Discussed already.

ACTION ITEMS

- Bill to present recommendations at BOS meeting and request approval.

- New Recycling Contract negotiations to start in Jan. 2027. Decision to be made in May / Early June.
- Call Sue and ask for supplies. Gloves, hand sanitizer, first aid kit, etc.
- Need verify if all tonnage is being reported.
- Contact Brian and Sue about who has keys to the barn. Past committee members need to turn them in.
- We all need to read the Recycling Ordinance and provide feedback on what's covered, not covered.
- Bill to have \$1 for change during the Fall Cleanup event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular Board of Supervisor meeting is 5/28/26 7pm and on 6/25/26 7pm - Workshop Meeting 6/11/26 7pm

The next Planning Commission meeting is 6/4/26 7pm

The next Park & Rec committee meeting is 6/9/26 7pm

NEXT EAC MEETING

June 10, 2026 7pm

ADJOURNMENT

- Bill motioned, Tara 2nd.

