

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 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, Bill Peirsol Barbara Dunn, Julia Smith 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 May 13, 2026. Bill motioned, Tara 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill's Recycling Barn recommendations at BOS meeting and request of approval.

- Sue to confirm liability coverage so Matt can take bales to Cougles. Bill to call Sue.
- Cougles stated we had great compacted bales however Douglas-Montgomery re-compacted our bales insisting they were not baled tight enough and were too light.

New Recycling Contract negotiations to start in Jan. 2027. Decision to be made in May / Early June.

- Bill to inform Cougles we will look for a new contract in 2027. We need better pricing and flexibility on containers (as needed) to avoid paying for containers not used.

Call Sue and ask for supplies. Gloves, hand sanitizer, first aid kit, etc.

- Tara will donate supplies. Will drop off on next recycle day.

Need to confirm if all tonnage is being collected and reported by trash haulers.

- Julia to dive in to this and provide reports. Did we submit for the grants? 2020-2021 years to be closely reviewed. Takes 2 years before grants are awarded.

Contact Brian and Sue about who has keys to the barn. Past committee members need to turn them in.

- Brian mentioned to Bill that someone came around and used her key for access. Need to find out who he was referring to. Tara to ask him.

We all need to read Recycling Ordinance and provide feedback on what's covered, not covered.

- There are stipulations regarding what our ordinance needs to state for additional grant?
Extra bay added on to the barn was marked for recycling. Tara to follow up with Jane.

Prep / confirm for Fall Cleanup event

- Newsletter hasn't come out yet but all vendors have been contacted and ready. Bill to ask them to come earlier that morning due to public activity.
- We need to have this event added to the website for public awareness.
- No ETA on when newsletter will go out.
- EAC to consider running this event 2 times a year.
- July 4th Recycling Day to move to 7/11/26 – Bill make motion, Tara 2nd. Bill to contact Sue to delay Cougles pickup by 1 week.

Animal control/TNR

- What are the known Cat Rescue places? There are several. Appears there's an abundance of cats in the area. Fleetwood – Safety net, Kutztown, Berks County rescue, etc. Tara would like to see a listing on EAC website of resources of places to call. Katrina to compile a list.

Brian Friel - review an alternative for residents to dispose of yard clippings

- Barb spoke to Brian; Originally through it would be a free service however Washington Township is not large enough to obtain additional grants for yard waste to pay him. Brian submitted a list of acceptable items and charges. Decision made not to advertise.

Master Park Planning meeting is next Tuesday at 7 pm. For park at Washington Township.

- Al asked for input from seniors so Tara recommended him to contact Barb.
- All input welcomed and needed on activities and amenities. Input to drive a future survey.
- Dog park, pickleball, yoga, park benches, shade, pollinator garden, etc. Seniors and younger adults to be considered. Draft to be presented in the future.

SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW

OLD BUSINESS

Visit to Natural Lands - has a conservation easement. Protects from being developed.

- Owner Jerry interested in donating land for a park in the future. Purpose of visit to see the land is for EAC to learn steps needed to turn land to a conservation easement and document it. EAC can host an event there. Tara to confirm date of visit.

Grand View Festival

- Nothing new to report – expect this not to happen.

Lighting at Barn / Recycling Center

- Outside lights are still not working as of 5/20. Should be fixed – new timer installed.
- What is our ordinance for lighting? Came up at the Master Planning. Downward only?
 - Maintenance barns lights are on all the time. It's setup that way.
- Volunteers asked for better lighting inside the barn. It's very dark.
 - Bill & Matt to take a look. Switch to LED?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular Board of Supervisor meeting is 6/25/26 7pm.

The next Planning commission meeting is 7/2/26 7pm

The next Park & Rec committee meeting is 7/14/26 7pm

NEXT EAC MEETING

July 8, 2026 7pm

ADJOURNMENT

Barb motioned to adjourn, Julia 2nd.