

## Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Present:

Deb Noone, Interim Chair

James Paul Johnson, Vice Chair

Lurleen Worthington, Member

Rob Kopf, Member

Andrea Glang, Associate Member

Township Supervisors Present: Ken Lichtenstein, Greg Bankos

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Announcements: Bala Sreenivasan resigned from the chairperson's position and the EAC after the December meeting. Deb Noone will fill in as interim chairperson until the township supervisors decide who will fill that position, which may be at one of their March meetings. JP Johnson will continue as Vice Chair. Andrea Glang, can serve as an Associate Member, as per the EAC Ordinance.
4. Public Comment- Sherri Lurz was present to thank us for thinking of a memorial for Tom Lurz and to provide her insight into possible ideas.
5. December 2025 minutes were approved
6. Old Business: Bag status- we will deliver to and provide the sponsors with bags to distribute.  
Rob Kopf checked on the trees and shrubs planted in October and reported that they are in good condition, survived the drought and have been attended to.
7. New Business:
  - Copies of the ordinance that created the Environmental Advisory Council were passed out to members to review. We discussed how to stay on point with the ordinance and the supervisors' expectations. We noted that there has been a lot of turn over in positions and we are mostly new members. There is not a lack of interest in filling the positions, and we have a group with a variety of pertinent backgrounds and experience.
  - A draft of an EAC article for the township newsletter was reviewed and will be edited with additional information prior to being submitted.
  - Potential educational programs were discussed. In the process of getting information from the PennState Extension on speakers and topics. Andrea Glang advised us about a presentation to take place at DeVal University in April that is of interest.

- We need to speak to someone at the township about if and where we could establish (or revive) a native plant area. Also, there was a rain garden located somewhere near the township building that we are not sure is still functioning.
  - We checked with the supervisors present about if there have been any subdivision or land development plan to review and they explained the process for that.
  - Discussed long range projects like watershed areas of township streams.
  - Spring 2025 road cleanup and tree planting, will be on April 26, 2025, to tie in with Earth Day and Arbor Day.
  - Native Plant Project- Plan to Discuss what has been done in the township already, if those areas need maintenance, and potential new area to plant. Consider a seminar or event to get community involvement in incorporating native plants.
  - Stream cleanup. Discuss prospective locations.
  - Update on future memorial for prior member Tom Lurz, what supervisors may have planned and how EAC can contribute.
  - Determine if there are any subdivision or land developments to review.
  - Long range projects include: consider re-establishing watershed areas of significant township streams.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.
  9. Next meeting would be Tuesday, February 4, 2025.