

Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Present:

Deb Noone – Chair

JP Johnson – Vice Chair

Rob Kopf – Member

Lurleen Worthington – Member

Alison Kingsley – Member

Andrea Glang - Member

Township Supervisors Present – Ken Lichtenstein and Greg Bankos

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Announcements – None
4. Public Comment – The EAC heard from the following Plumstead Residents who spoke to their concerns regarding Smart/Bright Feed Tech coming to Plumstead Township.

Gene McColligan – 4983 Rolling Glen Drive

Katie & Bob Mergner – 4949 Applebutter Road

Mary Van Ellis – 6179 Covered Bridge Road

Melanie Bliss – 5749 Belmont Manor

Andrew Marcum – 5758 Township Line Road

Loyd Bush – 5227 Stump Road

Rob Bradley – 5927 Anne Drive

Rob Hall – 6000 Potter's Lane

Cassandra Brown – 4959 Cabin Run Road

Concerns raised by these residents in summary included the following:

- a) wetland area may contain endangered species (animal and plant),
- b) vermin attraction to the site of rotting food,
- c) nuisance generating hazards from this plant such as noise, odors and truck traffic on narrow roadways
- d) water supply concerns and the impact it could have on wells because it requires a lot of water to clean, prepare and wash rotting food,
- e) water contaminants/pollutants could cause multiple problems affecting the entire county and state,
- f) soil contaminants from holding tanks placed in 1976 along with an easement for a pipeline that runs through the property could contaminate the soil through leakage into the creeks surrounding the area, Cabin Run and Tohickon,
- g) insects transferred from different states in the foods carried in on trucks and
- h) according to DEEP oversight at the CT plant, ethanol is their main emission resulting in explosions at the site.

Based on the above concerns, the residents asked the EAC to request independent studies on air, water (including well inspection) and soil to determine if there are contaminants and endangered species in the location of the manufacturing plant.

Deb Noone informed the residents that the EAC takes its direction from the Board of Supervisors. The BOS will let us know if they want us take action or review plans for advisement from the EAC. The EAC to date has not seen any plans.

5. Approval of September meeting minutes – Motion made by Rob Kopf to accept. Motion made by JP Johnson to amend the next meeting date to September 30 and Rob Kopf seconded the motion.
6. Old Business
 - a. Native Plant presentation was a huge success with over 45 attendees. Complimentary tree samplings and native plants/seed packets provided by Bucks County Conservation and Andrea Glang were available for attendees to take home
 - b. Andrea Glang confirmed that Rose of Sharon was not growing at the location on Timberly Lane trail where the EAC had planted River Birch trees in the fall.
 - c. Tohickon Watershed Association update/status – a website has been set up; members inspected parts of the creek north of Nockamixon that were not in good shape; they will have a presence at Quakertown Community Day; Deb Noone will keep the EAC informed on next meeting date
 - d. Deb Noone thanked everyone for being willing to participate in Community Day even though it was rained out.
7. New Business
 - a. Groveland School Second Graders presentation on EAC and roadside litter issue. Deb Noone has a 13-minute time slot on October 6 to present a poster project on littering. The posters created by the students will be on display in the township building.
 - b. Fall Presentation Plans – Both held at 6:30 pm at Hanusey Community Center - October 14 is Native Bees and November 11 – Local Watersheds
 - c. Fall Tree Planting and Road Clean Up – October 18 – Rob Kopf will confirm time with Herb, township arborist – First time road clean up persons must watch a safety video found on the township website; Trees to be planted are a total of 16 Red Twig Dogwoods and American Dogwoods
 - d. Planning for 2026 projects – Bat Box construction for Owl's Nest Park (Rob Kopf volunteered to build these), Park Bench Project– Plumstead residents would donate park benches made out of recycled materials for the township parks; Collaborate with a local boy scout looking to earn his Eagle Scout by planting a native plant garden at a historical museum; Provide a session on planting during one of the many township summer camp offerings for children
 - e. Adjournment: Motion made by JP Johnson to adjourn. Rob Kopf seconded the motion. Next meeting scheduled for November 11, following the Watershed Presentation. This change in date from the first Tuesday of the month is because November 4 is election day.