

Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Present:

Deb Noone – Chair

JP Johnson – Vice Chair

Rob Kopf – Member

Lurleen Worthington – Member

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Announcements - None
4. Public Comment – Gene McColligan, 4983 Rolling Glen Drive, strongly recommends updating the current township EAC ordinance to ensure it assesses the numerous environmental factors involved in all new subdivisions. Gene also recommends revisiting ordinance 2004-08 and review the list of acceptable trees to ensure that the township is planting native trees. Gene stated his advocacy for conservation landscaping, which will work well with the efforts of the Tohickon Watershed.
5. Approval of October 2025 minutes – Motion made by Deb Noone to accept. Motion seconded by Rob Kopf. No public comment. Motion carried.
6. Old Business
 - a. Deb Noone gave an update/status on the Tohickon Watershed Association and release weekend – Deb has been appointed board member at large. The board finalization will take place at the November 20th meeting. The northern end of the watershed has more areas with opportunities to improve the condition than our end. The Water Release weekend was largely attended with lots of kayakers. For now, membership is free. Deb provided a card with a QR code to join.
 - b. Fall projects status – EAC participated in Gordon Road clean up and planted 16 trees and bushes along trail at Geddes Way. Deb Noone presented to Groveland Elementary students at their Community Day event on roadside trash awareness. The students will design pictures related to this topic and they will be hung in the township building for a period of time. Native plant presentation held in September, and the Bee presentation completed on October 14. The Watershed presentation rescheduled for Spring 2026.
 - c. JP Johnson commented on how great it was to see so many township residents attend the October EAC meeting expressing concern related to the Bright Feeds proposal. And now that residents know more about our committee, they continue to attend our meetings. The EAC committee welcomes all residents to attend.
7. New Business
 - a. Planning for 2026 projects –
 - 1) Bat Boxes for Owl's Nest Park – Rob Kopf volunteered to design and build the boxes and Loyd Bush, 5227 Stump Rd, volunteered to supply the poles needed for the boxes. He will need pole dimensions from the EAC.
 - 2) Park Bench project – the EAC needs clarification on how the process will work and if this falls under the realm of the EAC committee.

3) The EAC offered to conduct a session on planting during one of the children's summer camps administered by Park and Rec, to increase awareness of EAC with our school children.

4) Reusable Bags – The bags were distributed at the polls on election day. Additional venue and place of business Ideas were discussed for bag distribution. Worthwhile Wear, the Grange and Park & Rec events were suggested. Lurleen Worthington will check on how many bags remain in the township basement.

5) Based on Gene McColligan's recommendations, Deb Noone suggested that over the winter months, the EAC revisit the EAC ordinance for new subdivisions and the tree ordinance.

6) Other ideas to consider for 2026 – native plant exchange, community garden, invasive plant weeding.

b. EAC review of development plans – Deb Noone shared copies of the EAC review of the Bright Feeds proposal for the committee to approve. Motion made by JP Johnson to submit the EAC report to the township. Rob Kopf seconded the motion. No public comment. Motion carried. Discussed having an EAC member attend future meetings of planning and/or LPEAC to be more informed on township development and projects.

c. Motion made by Deb Noone to move the EAC meeting start time to 7 PM beginning in January 2026. Lurleen Worthington seconded the motion. No public comment. Motion carried.

8. Adjournment: Motion made by JP Johnson to adjourn. Deb Noone seconded the motion. No public comment. Motion carried. Next meeting scheduled for December 2, 2025.