



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 13, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

EAC members: Chris Bannan, Erica Burman, Walt Cressler, David Director, Maggie Killcoyne, Woody Kotch, Dana Marks

Lisa Gelman, Borough Council Liaison

Allie Garrett, Special Projects Coordinator

II. GENERAL

- Approval of November Minutes
- Secretary for this meeting and the next: David.
- Annual Report 2025 – Walt will work on this and circulate a draft.
- Special Project(s) Update from Allie
 - Annual Recycling Reporting: In the first quarter of the year Allie will be collecting our recycling data from 2025 for our state mandated recycling report.
 - Barrall Field Grant: Towards the end of last year we submitted a grant focusing on stormwater improvements around Barrall Field.
 - Comprehensive Bicycle Plan Grant: Currently working on it.

III. LAND & WATER

- Air Quality Monitor – introduction of Justin Olexy, air quality monitoring expert
 - Air quality monitors have arrived, and public works will be installing them by mid-January.

- Tree Brochure – Woody and Julie Smith and others are meeting soon to brainstorm ideas and to revise text for online information outreach.
- PECO Tree Removal - Mike Green said that he was waiting on questions from the Borough engineer - and then would forward them to PECO, who had told him that the project had been postponed to 2026, but no specific time has been set.
- Bird Town Update – Another bird house building workshop with associated activities is being planned for February, possibly in Chadds Ford.
- Bee City Update - The dried, hollow plant stems in the pollinator garden have been left standing through the winter to provide shelter for hibernating insects, pupae, and eggs.
- Gas Leaf Blower Ordinance - Lower Merion Township passed a staged ban with complete ban to be implemented in January 2029.

IV. ENERGY

- LNG Terminal Resolution – Erica spoke to this issue at council workshop in December. Hopefully it will get on their agenda soon.
- Community Choice Aggregation
- Climate Action Plan – Allie is in research phase- discussing with other municipalities, former professors, and looking into the state’s Local Climate Action Program (LCAP)
- EV charging

V. ZERO WASTE

- Polystyrene/Black Propylene Plastic (#5) Ordinance Update – Polystyrene ban passed by Council. We will get an update from Allie on next steps concerning education and rollout.
- Composting –
 - Swarthmore launched their opt-out program. All residents received a bucket at their home.
 - The ZW working group would like to meet with Allie, Brittany, and Mike to discuss how EAC can support composting expansion by going door-to-door. Long-term goal of the program is expansion to apartments.
 - Sari will contact Olivia at Sustainability Office about setting up tour of the courthouse cafeteria composting.
- Paper Recycling - Paper recycling could be dramatically improved if it were not commingled with other recyclables. ZW group is exploring ways to incentivize that and will look into paper recycling and other communities. Group will ask if Allie can inquire as to whether Media Borough has space somewhere for a recycling dumpster.
- Sustainable PA
- Traveling Glass Recycling

VI. TRANSPORTATION

- Bicycle Friendly Community Update
- Traffic Calming Update

VII. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- Sustainable Communities Hub - The Delaware County Office of Sustainability collected model ordinances from the county's municipalities for a January 14th launch of this online resource.
- EAC Network Fall Gathering, last November 15 – Report
- EAC/Recreation Board Collaboration
- Upcoming Newsletter or Social Media Items – due date January 14th – items to be included: composting reminder and article on minimizing salt in waterways during winter deicing.

The Next Meeting Will Be Held on February 12, 2026 – 7:00 PM