

Pocono Township Environmental Advisory Council

Location: Township Administration Building meeting room

Date: August 20, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm

Agenda

- Public Comment
- Prior Meeting Minutes
- Old Business
- Social Media & Website Activities
- Updates on Initiatives –
- Commissioner Matthew Long's EAC Outline
- Protect the Pocono Waters
- Native Tree and Forest Stewardship Initiative
- Open Space and Scenic Character Outreach
- Hazmat Safety Initiative
- Outreach to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) & Monroe County Conservation District (MCCD)
- Community Cleanup Campaign
- New Business?

Public Comment

- Any public comments?

Prior Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from Chris Received
- Thanks Chris!
- Posted online
- Done! Previous meeting minutes posted

(Thanks Erica!)

- Review and approve minutes from previous meeting.
- Any changes?
- All in favor?

Old Business

- Email for EAC and/or Council Members & Zoom EAC Meetings
- Reviewed by the Board of Commissioners (BOC) at the August 3rd meeting
- Any update from the BOC? (Ellen Gndt)
- Who owns the actions on these two items?
- Is it the BOC or other staff?
- Who will be following up with us, or us with them?
- Email?
- Zoom?

Social Media & Website Activities

- EAC Minutes and Agendas posted on the Township website
- Should Minutes be posted after we vote to approve at the next meeting or as they are received?
- Do we have any activities or other information to post online?

Updates on Initiatives

Commissioner Matthew Long's EAC Outline

- Protect the Poconos (All board members)
- Do we need to incorporate Commissioner Long's outline into Ordinance NO. 2026-02?

Protect the Pocono Waters

- Protect Pocono Waters
- Coordinate with the Brodhead Watershed Association, Monroe County Conservation District, and other partners on watershed education, stormwater education, riparian buffer awareness, stream health, and resident reporting resources
- Timothy Wah and Josh Knapp
- Educational Events / Quarterly Workshops / Social Media Postings
- Discussions to Benefit all Citizens –
- Septic Tanks
- Rain Barrel Workshops
- About Fertilizers
- All about bugs – Lantern Flies and Ash beetles
- Storm Water Drainage Systems
- Any low hanging fruit here to pursue?

Native Tree and Forest Stewardship Initiative

- Native Tree and Forest Stewardship Initiative
- Organize a native tree planting or giveaway, support riparian buffer plantings, and provide public education on the importance of native trees,

forest health, shade, soil stabilization, wildlife habitat, and scenic character

- Josh Knapp –
- Create a Rain garden
- Discuss Native Plants
- Kyle VanFleet
- Potential to work with the Game Commission for land purchase and preservation
- Any low hanging fruit here to pursue?

Open Space and Scenic Character Outreach

- Open Space and Scenic Character Outreach
- Communicate with Pocono Heritage Land Trust and other conservation partners to identify ways the EAC can support open space education, conservation awareness, scenic resource protection, and long-term stewardship opportunities
- Chris Grape-Garvey, Ellen Gmandt and Kyle VanFleet
- Any low hanging fruit here to pursue?

Hazmat Safety Initiative

- Kyle VanFleet –
- Suring up the HASMAT Response Readiness for Pocono Township (PTWP)
- Kyle has made contact with Bradley Harrison, coordinator of the Pocono Township Emergency Management Program and will provide an update
- Next steps?

Outreach to the DCNR & MCCD

- Outreach to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)
- Outreach to the Monroe County Conservation District (MCCD)
- Timothy Wah to give an update on progress
- Next steps?

Community Cleanup Campaign

- Community Cleanup Campaign
- Host a township cleanup day or partner with existing cleanup efforts to engage residents, businesses, HOAs, schools, and civic organizations in removing litter, addressing dumping hotspots, and improving the appearance of public spaces, roadsides, parks, and trailheads
- Ellen Gndt
- List of what is currently accepted for recycling
- Identify the gaps and potential workarounds as mentioned by Timothy
- For all to input
- Next Steps?
- Post the output on the township website and Facebook (FB) page for our constituents?

New Business

- Any other comments / thoughts from board members?
- Josh, Ellen, Chris, Timothy, Randy, Jim, Kyle
- Any additional comments from the public?

- Have we missed anything we should discuss tonight?

Motion to Adjourn

Thank you!