

Pocono Township

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

The inaugural meeting of the Pocono Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was called to order at approximately **6:00 p.m.**

Members Present

- Chris Grape-Garvey
- Josh Knapp
- Randy Peechatka
- Jim Pellegrini
- Timothy Wah
- Kyle VanFleet
- Ellen Gndt

As this was the Council's first meeting, the Board of Commissioners had previously designated **Jim Pellegrini** to serve as the temporary chair until the Council elected its officers.

New Business

The meeting began with introductions from each Council member, including a brief discussion of their backgrounds and the experience and perspectives they hope to contribute to the Council.

Chris Grape-Garvey volunteered to prepare meeting minutes for future EAC meetings. Ellen Gndt recorded the minutes for this inaugural meeting.

Chair Pellegrini reviewed the purpose and mission of the Environmental Advisory Council. Members discussed the Council's advisory role and identified several environmental topics and initiatives for future consideration, including:

- Mapping wetlands and streams
- Hazardous waste education and disposal
- Participation in the "Pick Up the Poconos" initiative
- Recycling education and awareness
- Identifying environmentally sensitive and natural areas in need of protection

Members discussed several administrative matters, including:

- Whether future meetings would be recorded or made available via Zoom;

- Establishing Township email addresses for Council members; and
- Posting agendas, meeting minutes, and other Council information on the Township website.

These matters will be considered at a future meeting.

Members were encouraged to prepare and bring additional ideas and potential projects for discussion at upcoming meetings.

Election of Officers

Chris Grape-Garvey made a motion to appoint **Jim Pellegrini** as Chair and **Josh Knapp** as Vice Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Timothy Wah.

Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Discussion was held regarding Township Logo with EAC designation. Group consensus was it isn't necessary and would be non-conforming.

Discussion was held regarding the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Council members while performing authorized Council business.

Public Comment

Kyle Harrison commented that the Board of Commissioners had indicated that no Township funds were to be expended.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **8:00 p.m.**