

Pocono Township Environmental Advisory Council

Location: Township Administration Building meeting room

Date: June 17, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Council Member Introductions
- Mission Review
- Meeting Minutes Assignment & Recording
- General Mandates and Discussion
- Official Identification & Engagement
- Logo / Patch
- Mission Assignment |Resources | Impact
- Community Environmental Program (CEP)
- What does this look like?
- Anything else
- Elect a Chairperson

Welcome & Council Member Introductions

- Welcome to the first Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) meeting!!!
- Council Member Introductions – Alphabetically
- Chris Grape-Garvey | Ellen Gndt | Jim Pellegrini | Josh Knapp |
Kyle VanFleet | Randy Peechatka | Timothy Wah
- Please state:
- Name

- Town of origin within the township
- Special skills?
- Environmental Knowledge?
- Knowledge of the Township Land Area?
- Anything else that can help further the cause of this council?

Mission Review

“The purpose of the Environmental Advisory Council ("EAC") shall be to advise local governmental agencies including, but not limited to, the Pocono Township Board of Commissioners (the "BOC") and the Pocono Township Planning Commission (the "PC"), on matters dealing with the protection, conservation, management, promotion, acquisition and use of natural resources including air, land, water and open space resources located within or affecting the Township.”

Taken from Ordinance NO. 2026-02 anything else that can help further the cause of this council?

Meeting Minutes Assignment & Recording

“The EAC shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report, which shall be printed in an annual municipal report or otherwise made publicly available. Minutes of each meeting shall be promptly forwarded to the BOC”

- We need a volunteer(s) to take the EAC meeting minutes & generate the annual report
- Could be more than one person
- Any takers? ☐

- Should we record the meetings in some way?
- Zoom?
- Other

General Mandates and Discussion

- Keep an index of all open space and environmentally sensitive areas, publicly or privately owned including, but not limited to, flood -prone areas, swamps, and other unique natural areas for the purpose of obtaining information on the proper use of such areas
- Where do we get this from?
- Advise the BOC and other agencies as to the acquisition of property, both real and personal, and rights thereto, by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, easement, device or lease in matters dealing with agricultural preservation, open space, and recreation.
- How would we be alerted that any given property has changed hands, other than our own.
- Community Environmental Program (CEP)
- What does this look like?
- Ideas?

Taken from Ordinance NO. 2026-02

Official Identification & Engagement

- Should we have some kind of official identification?
- Cases where we are sent to look on or around private property?
- If we are questioned by a citizen during performance of EAC duties?
- Official PTWP email for EAC?
- Individual Email Addresses?
- Distribution list (DL) for ease of contact?

(Feedback from Josh Knapp)

- What are the Rules of Engagement?
- How do we greet and introduce ourselves to the citizens

- If asked to leave, do we?

Logo / Patch

- Do we want/need some kind of official logo or patch

Mission Assignment | Resources | Impact

- How do we get our assignments?
- Board Of Commissioners?
- Citizens?
- Other
- What resources do we have at our disposal to help achieve “mission” success?
- Township records?
- Township resources?
- Office access
- Information Gathering with/without a Right To Know (RTK)?
- Budget?
- Other?
- Impact
- What influence will our findings have on the decision-making process?

Anything Else?

- Have we missed anything we should discuss tonight?

Elect a Chairperson

- Time to decide on a chairperson