

ROBESON TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes
June 4, 2026

Present: Kate Kennedy, Anne-Marie McMahon, Rob Horst

Guests: Molly Goslin, Sally Stalnaker, Chip Kerasin, Tom Keim; Osmer Deming, Township Manager

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes - 5/7/26. Kate Kennedy moved to approve, Rob Horst seconded, all were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

4. Discussion Items

- Data Center Ordinance
 - Planning Commission approved the draft ordinance at their meeting on 6/1/26.
 - They had two questions for the township engineer and EAC to explore: whether to add the Susquehanna River Basin Commission to the reviewing bodies on p. 7b, and to clarify the recommendation for the daytime noise level to be lower than the nighttime noise level.
 - Kate Kennedy verified that a small portion of Robeson Township falls into the Susquehanna River Basin Commission's purview, so this should be added.
 - Kate Kennedy spoke with Food and Water Watch. They said a lower daytime noise level is recommended to account for overall higher noise levels from ambient noise, like truck traffic. 40-45 dBa is recommended for daytime.
- Composting workshop
 - Sat., Sept. 26 from 1-3 pm is confirmed with the Berks Master Gardeners.
 - Molly Goslin will create a flier for advertising purposes.
 - Kate Kennedy will coordinate the event with Geoff Bolt of Parks and Rec, reserve Gibraltar Park, and request use of A/V equipment.
- Native Garden at township sign
 - Chip Kerasin purchased more native plants to fill in holes in our garden. She will request reimbursement from the township manager.
 - Members of the EAC planted them prior to the meeting.
 - EAC members continue to meet at 6:30 pm prior to each meeting to weed the garden. Community members are welcome to join.
- Union Township Nature Fest - August 22
 - David Weld will communicate with Union Township EAC on response he received from Game Commission.
- Access to municipal building for meetings

- Access will be provided by the township manager, for now.

5. Old Business

- We may have an opportunity to secure more free native trees for township residents through PA/IPL, through a new program called Roots, Branches and Hands. Order form will go live June 8th. Unclear if we will meet eligibility for the program; Zoom info session should clarify.
- In preparation for this request, we will survey the township residents who received free native trees and shrubs over the past two years through the PA/IPL 10 Million Trees program. Anne-Marie to prepare and send ASAP.

6. Agenda for next meeting

- Data Center ordinance updates
- Advertising for compost workshop
- Union Township NatureFest
- Access to the building
- Native tree giveaway

7. Adjourned at 8:02 pm. Kate Kennedy moved to adjourn, Anne-Marie McMahon seconded, all in favor, motion carried.