

ROBESON TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes
September 3, 2026

Present: Anne-Marie McMahon, Robert Horst, Kate Kennedy, David Weld

Guests: Sally Stalnaker, Matt Creme, Ben Lamanna, Gianfranco Grande, Derek Torres, Osmer Deming, Township Manager

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes from 8/6/26 were approved by unanimous consent.
The 7/2/26 minutes were approved at the August meeting.

Discussion Items

- Data Center Ordinance Update
 - Several people associated with the Grande family attended, and inquired about the status of the data center ordinance. We advised them that a draft version dated 7/2/26 was with the Planning Commission and could be requested from the township, noting that this version had revisions around setbacks, noise standards, and more, and that previous drafts had been reviewed by the township lawyer and engineer.
 - Planning Commission is meeting on Mon., Sept. 14th to review draft data center ordinance, version dated 7/2/2026, along with a definition of "sensitive receptors" which township engineer, Ryan Rhode, will add to that version.
- Nature Fest overview 8/22/26
 - Good event but would have benefited from more advertising
 - **MOTION: David Weld moved to pay a bill of \$133.30 from the EAC budget to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary for their tabling activity at NatureFest; Robert Horst seconded, all in favor, motion carried.**
- Compost workshop scheduled for 9/26/26, 1-3 pm, Gibraltar Park
 - Advertising: Kate Kennedy will set up a Facebook event; Osmer Deming confirmed it was posted on the township's Facebook page and website; Anne-Marie McMahon will email the people who signed up for more information at NatureFest.
 - Need to confirm tech set up for event. Osmer Deming and Kate Kennedy will meet to look at projectors for Gibraltar Park pavilion.
- Reading Plastic Bag Ban updates
 - Kate Kennedy reported that WhatSUP Berks has been trying to ban plastic bags in Reading by collecting signatures from citizens and presenting to municipalities. The EAC will continue to follow developments.
- EAC & Municipal Authority Conf. 10/24/26
 - WeConservePA conference. Determine if anyone can attend at the October meeting.

- Native Garden at township building
 - Some plants need to be staked, which will happen at the next regular maintenance activity half an hour before the EAC meeting.
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Old Business:

- Kate Kennedy read a letter from Ed Scott, who resigned from the EAC as of August 26, 2026 due to health issues. His letter included a recommendation that Sally Stalnaker fill the time remaining in his term. Kate will submit the letter to the township manager for inclusion at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Next meeting agenda:

- Composting workshop debrief
- WeConserve Conference
- Native Garden at township building
- Data Center ordinance update

Adjourned at 8:09 pm.