

## Lynn Township Environmental Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday, December 18, 2025, 6:30 PM

Lynn Township Building

7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA 18066

**Present:** Rob Sayre, Gabriel Caprio, Tricia Ferraro, Kathryn Townsend, Annie Glenn

**Absent:**

**Guest:**

**Call to Order:** 6:36 PM. Called: K. Townsend, 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Sayre

**Approval of minutes:** 11/20/2025 Called: A. Glenn, 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Sayre. Unanimously approved, no edits.

### Reports:

1. BOS – K. Townsend: Location of Lynn Historical Society storage pole barn at Ontelaunee Park was approved by BOS. No new local taxes for 2026. EAC Native Garden approved, with Historical Society input on location (see attached proposal and supporting documents).
2. Farmland Preservation Committee – T. Ferraro: Larry Grim farm preservation approved using private funds. The committee will deposit and maintain a TBD base level of monies before they start awarding any. Working on bylaws. Have requested \$25,000 from the Township. Considering slightly different qualifying criteria ratios than County.
3. Planning Commission: No report
4. Zoning Hearing Board: Approved a waiver of the land ratio which led to some BOS concern.

### New Business:

1. **Smart Winter Salt Practices** – G. Caprio: many municipalities and regular citizens oversalt leading to negative environmental consequences with no benefits since the salt is ineffective until it brines (see attached presentation “Winter Salt BMP”). Workshop for residents? PennDOT also offers educational materials.
2. **Recycling Initiative** - A. Dobak’s response to email (see attached). Asking her to do a presentation to the BOS at the 2/12/26 BOS meeting.
3. **Spring Clean Up:** The proposed date is April 18, 2026. Keep it strictly clean up and informational this year. Have enough PPD from PennDOT, do not need more. **Action Items:**
  - a. Research other local “Clean Up Day” events to avoid overlap and competition (specifically our Fire Companies) – T. Ferraro
  - b. Contact electronics recycling companies to book and get pricing (avoid a fund raiser type program if possible) – T. Ferraro
  - c. Contact Berger for a dumpster – R. Sayre
  - d. Develop a Township road map with specified clean up zones or “hot spots” that are safe enough to walk– G. Caprio
  - e. Contact non-profits who may be interested in setting up information tables – R. Sayre
  - f. Reserve Ontelaunee for 4/18/26 from 8am – 1pm – A. Glenn
  - g. Procure free food day of and/or request a budget from the BOS to provide hot dogs and soda or similar - A. Glenn
  - h. Create giveaways/incentives – A. Glenn

- i. Free small ice-cream cone at Wanamaker's? Free drink at Eight Oaks? All participants
    - ii. Free Leaser Lake Bike and Boat paddle or Mother's Day basket for most trash by weight?
    - iii. Other ideas?
  - i. Once give aways/info booths/electronics recycling/free food source secured, create flyer – T. Ferraro
  - j. Create PR campaign on-line and in print – K. Townsend
  - k. Get special colored trash bags that citizens must pick up at Township building prior or at park day of? - TBD
  - l. Sign up? - TBD
  - m. Volunteer/Participant recruitment plan - TBD
4. **Bird Town Signs:** – T. Ferraro, A. Glenn and K. Townsend all will sponsor another sign. F. Najarian will have the Township crew install.

**Old Business:**

- 1. **None.**

**Tabled:**

- 1. **Lighting Ordinance** – continue to table, 2026 priority.

**Miscellaneous**

- 1. Location of Lynn Heidelberg Historical Society storage pole barn at Ontelaunee Park was attended by all EAC members. A site was selected.
- 2. List of EAC priorities
  - i. Lighting Ordinance
  - ii. Contingencies for new construction permits
  - iii. Clean up days- make viable
  - iv. Lynn Township household recycling program
  - v. Effective communication
    - 1. Annual Chemical recycling program
    - 2. Partner with Fire Companies and Rural Associations
  - vi. Nurture Bird Town
  - vii. Reduce tractor trailer traffic on Blue Mountain House Rd

**Action Items:**

- Email Road Master to request that we give the crew the Smart Winter Salt Practice presentation and get their help filming a short educational PSA for our social media/Township website – G. Caprio
- Schedule a follow-up meeting with A. Dobak - K. Townsend
- Co-ordinate with the Lynn Heidelberg Historical Society to place the native plant garden – R. Sayre
- Research building size, new construction additions for a lighting ordinance – G. Caprio

- Set up social media accounts ie. Nextdoor, - K. Townsend
- Request and create an information page on recycling and disposal of complicated trash on the BOS website. TBD
- Attend BOS 1/5/26 reorg meeting- R. Sayre
- Establish Bird Town sub-committee- K. Townsend, R. Sayre

**Announcements:** EAC elections will be held at the regular meeting January 15, 2026

**Adjournment:** 8:16 PM. Motion made by G. Caprio, seconded by K. Townsend.

**Approved: 1/15/2026**