

Lynn Township Environmental Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday, March 19, 2026, 6:30 PM

Lynn Township Building

7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA 18066

Present: Rob Sayre, Gabriel Caprio, Tricia Ferraro, Annie Glenn

Absent: Kathryn Townsend

Guest:

Call to Order: 6:30 PM. Called: T. Ferraro, 2nd: R. Sayre.

Approval of minutes: 2/19/2026 Called: G. Caprio, 2nd: R. Sayre. Unanimously approved, with edits.

Reports:

1. Planning Commission Report – T. Ferraro: New Chicken CAFOs proposed for Blue Mountain House Rd and Slateville Road, is on a “contingency” permit. Commission had multiple detailed questions for proposers of the CAFO. F. Najarian is putting three lots up for Farmland Preservation through an alternate method to test if it works.
2. BOS – K. Townsend via text: BOS heard A. Dobak presentation on a Recycling Center. Lynn Township was audited and the budget is approximately (\$85,000). K. Townsend voiced opposition to the township supporting/participating in publicly funded grant work for a private club (Ontelaunee Rod & Gun) with revenues in excess of \$224,000. BOS approved two new subdivisions in the township. BOS received an annual raise.
3. Farm Preservation Committee – T. Ferraro: Continue to work on guidelines and private funding matrix. Considering creating a 501C for the committee. Use the agricultural Innovation Grant?
4. Bird Town Subcommittee – R. Sayre: Historical Society approved EAC doing a some clean up and plantings of natives behind the current buildings. Main garden will go by new building once complete in 2027 or later. Photos of potential Bird Town areas at Ontelaunee sites attached.

Vote to move Spring Clean Up day to top of agenda: Called: R. Sayre, 2nd: T. Ferraro

1. **Spring Clean Up:** Berger confirmed for a dumpster. Hawk Mountain, Master Gardners and Bird Town will have info displays. Permanent signage purchased. Vouchers for freebies/giveaways printed. Remind volunteers not to go on private property when handing out PPE.

New Business:

1. Ordinance ideas for new development - create a “Check List” for Conditional uses on new construction?
 - a. Tree Screens
 - b. Mud Flap knockers
 - c. Road Maintenance/Improvement
 - d. Roof Color/materials
 - e. Siding color/materials
 - f. Lighting restrictions

- g. Traffic timing restrictions
- h. Safe egress/access points
- i. Etc.

Old Business:

1. **Lighting Ordinance** – 2026 priority, Draft copy of an ordinance distributed (see attached).
2. **Recycling Initiative** - A. Dobak presented, BOS likely not interested in pursuing further.

Tabled:

1. **C2P2 Shovel Ready Projects** – continue to table

Miscellaneous

1. 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:

1. **Action Items for Clean Up Day:**
 - a. Develop a Township road map with specified clean up zones or “hot spots” that are safe enough to walk, G. Caprio will co-ordinate with K. Townsend to create zones and maps for volunteers– G. Caprio
 - b. Request existing signage and cones from Roadmaster – G. Caprio
 - c. Request park kitchen get unlocked for food delivery Friday afternoon and bathrooms get unlocked morning of.
 - d. Pick up hotdog roller from Township office and transport to park.
 - e. Purchase buns, ketchup, mustard, relish, napkins, hotdog papers, onions
 - f. Pick up sodas and dogs.
 - g. Do we need a volunteer waiver? G. Caprio
 - h. Final confirmation from Goodwill – T. Ferraro
- Confirm how to access budget monies from Township - **done, no response from township.**
- Request EAC township email address- **done, no response from township.**
- Research building size, new construction additions for a lighting ordinance – G. Caprio
- Set up additional 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 4/9/26: TBD

- Establish Bird Town sub-committee- K. Townsend, R. Sayre
- Request an annual budget for EAC starting in 2027 – A. Glenn

Announcements: None

Adjournment: 7:24 PM. Motion made by G. Caprio, seconded by R. Sayre.

Approved: April 16, 2026