

Lynn Township Environmental Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2026, 6:30 PM

Lynn Township Building

7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA 18066

Present: Rob Sayre, Annie Glenn, Kathryn Townsend

Absent: Gabriel Caprio, Tricia Ferraro

Guest:

Call to Order: 6:36 PM. Called: K. Townsend, 2nd: A. Glenn.

Approval of minutes: 4/16/2026 Called: K. Townsend, 2nd: R. Sayre. Unanimously approved.

Reports:

1. **BOS** – R. Sayre: Road Master agreed (and BOS approved) a township truck to help haul away debris from Ontelaunee invasive cleanup. The Historical Society believes it will have the new building up by EOY and is eager for the EAC to plant gardens around it.
2. **Bird Town Subcommittee** – R. Sayre: On June 6, 2026 meet at Ontelaunee to remove invasives with help of a local boy scout troop. Will purchase snacks for boy scouts and an aqua safe poison to assist out of EAC ad hoc 2026 budget. Will request a chainsaw from Road Master as well. Local volunteer working on signage for native plants. See Plan attached. New location for Purple Martin site identified and submitted to BOS/Road Master via email. PennDOT has denied permits for the Bird Town signs. Discussion of local residents/business owners who may allow signs on their property. Discussion of Township roads that may also suite. R. Sayre will attend the May Clutch meeting.

New Business:

1. None

Old Business:

1. **Spring Cleanup Postmortem** - A. Glenn: be sure to double check with Goodwill for TV/Monitor acceptance for future years. Event sponsors need greater visibility on flyers, posts, etc. Handed out 21 ice cream vouchers and 15 drink vouchers- make vouchers clearer that no subs or changes can be made. Do we need a liability waiver. Create a form for students/athletes fulfilling community service requirements for school, etc. Prep for 50 volunteers instead of 100 for 2027.
2. **Lighting Ordinance** – K. Townsend: almost complete, please review final draft prepared by G. Caprio. See attached.
3. **Ordinance/Contingency 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

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:

- Send latest draft of Lighting Ordinance to EAC for final revisions – K. Townsend
- Price Native Plant signage for Ontelaunee – R. Sayre
- Reach out to Berks Nature to investigate free native tree donations – R. Sayre
- Follow up with Cleanup Day sponsors on fall out/feed back/willingness to participate in future years – A. Glenn
- Request EAC township email address- K. Townsend
- 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 6/11/26: TBD
- Establish Bird Town sub-committee- K. Townsend, R. Sayre
- Request an annual budget for EAC starting in 2027 – A. Glenn

Announcements: None

As May Arise:

Adjournment: 7:29 PM. Motion made by K. Townsend, seconded by R. Sayre.

Approved: 6/18/26