

Lynn Township Environmental Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 2026, 6:30 PM

Lynn Township Building

7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA 18066

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

Absent:

Guest: Joran Herzog Caprio, Sloan Caprio

Call to Order: 6:39 PM. Called: A. Glenn , 2nd:T. Ferraro.

Approval of minutes: 5/21/2026 Called: K. Townsend, 2nd: G. Caprio. Unanimously approved.

Reports:

1. **BOS** – K. Townsend: BOS approved an email for EAC eac@lynntwp.org with a password of “Welcome2645”. Requested prompt removal of cut invasive brush piles from Ontelaunee. BOS considering support for a grant for the Gun Club. Lowhill has Data Centers on the MMP.
2. **Farmland Preservation Committee** – T. Ferraro: members encouraged to join the Rural Preservation Association- requires a sponsor member. 3 new applications approved. 5 applications for Ag Security utilizing “deemed” route. Committee will not provide a “second opinion” to counter County review. No funding as of yet. Funds expected to come from private donations. Discussed funding from a tax on new construction- add \$3,000 to the existing \$3,000 application fee.
3. **Bird Town Subcommittee** – K. Townsend: Road Master approved a location for a Purple Martin House at Ontelaunee. Seeking private land permissions to hand Bird Town signs.
 - a. **Native Garden update** – R. Sayre:
Cleanout finished.
To do:
Mark invasive species stumps
Apply herbicide/Probably early August-I can do this.
Review area for new plantings: holes, needs, etc.
Buy-Order plants
Late September-Install new plants-I think we can do at Kutztown Produce Auction or Edge of the Woods-Invite the Cub-Boy Scouts to help again.
Information containers-Buy simple, clear plastic and water tight displays to go with these two signs. One simple literature container for inside the Township office.

New Business:

1. None

Old Business:

1. **Lighting Ordinance** – K. Townsend: draft reviewed and approved by EAC. (see attached)
2. **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

Announcements: None

As May Arise:

Budget accounting

Vote to cancel July and August meetings due to an anticipated lack of quorum. Called: T. Ferraro,
2nd: A. Glenn, passed unanimously.

Action Items:

- Remove brush from Ontelaunee – A. Glenn
- Migrate EAC content to eac@lynntwp.org Google Drive – A. Glenn
- Provide itemized up-to-date use of ad hoc 2026 budget to EAC – A. Glenn
- Ask property owners for permission to hand Bird Town signs – K. Townsend & R. Sayre
- Send latest draft of Lighting Ordinance to EAC for final revisions – K. Townsend
- Price Native Plant signage for Ontelaunee – R. Sayre
- Follow up with Cleanup Day sponsors on fall out/feedback/willingness to participate in future years – A. Glenn
- 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 7/9/26: TBD
- Establish Bird Town sub-committee- K. Townsend, R. Sayre
- Request an annual budget for EAC starting in 2027 – A. Glenn

Adjournment: 7:28 PM. Motion made by K. Townsend, seconded by R. Sayre.

Approved: 9/17/26