

Hatboro Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 2, 2025
Borough Hall, 414 South York Road, Hatboro, PA 19040

EAC Members in Attendance: Kelly A'Harrah, LuAnn Kline, Ann Menichelli, Jonathan Pignatelli, Cole Woodson. Absent: Ryan Fairman

Borough Representation: Councilperson Alex Myers, EAC Chair, Councilperson Jennifer Hendrickson, Mayor Tim Schultz

Members of the Public: Todd A'Harrah, Dave Head, Katrina Nuss, Lynn Smith

Motions, all passed unanimously:

Approved May 7, 2025 minutes

Appointed Jonathan Pignatelli to position of Vice Chair

Appointed Kelly A'Harrah to position of Secretary

Tabled reorganization of subcommittees until vacancy is filled

Approved the EAC 2024 Annual Report

Announcement of EAC vacancy

NexTrek Recycling Challenge Update: Robin Laufer, via email

Collection box located at Borough Hall. Additional boxes could be placed at Hatboro Memorial Pool, Pennypack Community Center, Crooked Billet and Steel Penny Café.

Advertising to be added to EAC website and Facebook page. Graphic still needed with specific locations of collection sites.

Energy Transfer Plan/Ready for 100 Update: Mayor Tim Schultz

CCA of PA still in litigation with State PUC.

ReWiring America not functioning as previously due to many layoffs.

Bird Town Update: Jennifer Hendrickson

First public meeting will be July 10, 7:00pm at Borough Hall.

Future meetings will be held every other month on the second Thursday of the month.

Bird Town Scorecard was split into sections for members to coordinate actions.

PHS Tree Sale Discussion: Alex Myers, Tree Tenders

EAC would need to acquire a sponsor for the purchase of trees. Tools are already available from previous events. Coordination with Shade Tree Commission regarding possible public locations for tree installations and acquisition of permits is indicated.

Events:

1. Set possible dates for Earth Day 2026 and will complete Event Request Form and submit to Borough Hall office. Preferred date is Saturday, April 11, 2026, and Saturday, April 18, 2026 as alternate.
2. “Big Trees: Friend or Foe?” Kathy Salisbury from Temple University-Ann will contact for possible summer presentation.
3. Native Plant Presentation from Leigh Keiser or Barbara Beck in August- Kelly will contact.
4. National Night Out: Friday, August 8, 2025. NexTrek display.
5. Replacement Tree Plantings at Pennypack and Eaton Parks: Seek community volunteers to help plant trees on June 20-21, 2025. Trees could possibly be housed at PPCC Community Garden but do require daily watering.

Public Comment:**Lynn Smith**

1. Suggested the acquisition of tree saplings from the Arbor Day Foundation.
2. Inquired as to why a meeting with the EAC, borough staff, and Hatboro Public Works never occurred and asked if it still can.
3. Asked why borough continues to mow grass along the riparian buffer and in the creek itself and if there is a guidance document to make changes to this procedure.

Katrina Nuss

1. Mugwort growing in parking loop in front of Borough Hall should be removed before it spreads to Miller Meadow.
2. EAC website lacks 2020 minutes recorded by Carol Brunner.
3. EAC website should have all annual reports easily locatable.
4. Key EAC topics should be on agenda to prevent loss of continuity. These include ordinances such as the RCCD and the native plant ordinance.
5. New riparian buffer installations at PERT are not mowed, allowing additional plant growth in these areas and protecting trees from mowing damage. Hatboro should stop mowing around trees and along stream banks.

Todd A’Harrah asked what the pushback for CCA included. Tim Schultz will share the email enumerating the patchwork and timing issues of concern to the PUC.