

Pennington Borough Environmental Commission
Agenda for Monday, October 20, 2025 – 7:30 PM
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Notetaker: _____

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes from September 2025 Meeting

- Motion to approve by: _____ Second by: _____
- Aye _____ Nay _____ ABS _____

3. Announcements

- Feedback from October Commission & Committee Chairs Meeting (Kieran)
- Key October & November meetings events

4. Public Comment

STRATEGIC PROJECTS & OTHER UPDATES:

5. Pennington Arboretum (Kieran, all)

- **Recognition of Pennington Eagle Scout Neil Southall** for his Arboretum bridge and restoration project
- Other Arboretum updates (QR code installation, native plantings, signage, etc.)

6. Environmental Commission 2026 Budget Discussion (Kieran)

- Key priorities, new initiatives, and discussion of funding needs

7. Site Planning Checklist Discussion (Andrew S)

- Review of **ANJEC Environmental Commission Site Planning Checklist**
- Key questions, next steps, and alignment with Pennington's planning process

8. Feedback from ANJEC Environmental Congress (Nancy, Joann, Kieran, Dan)

- Reflections / highlights from the meeting

9. Wildfire Preparedness Discussion (Kieran J, Dan R)

- Based on article "*Wildfire management at a crossroads: Mitigation and prevention or response and recovery?*" (pre-read)

- Discussion on lessons for Pennington, potential local mitigation strategies, and EC role

10. Community Energy Plan Update (Brian F & CNWG)

- Progress, latest developments, and coordination with Sustainable Jersey, Hopewell Township etc.

11. Hopewell Valley Green Team – A Deeper Dive (Joann H)

- Overview, background, current initiatives, and upcoming programming (Joann Held)
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STANDING ITEMS

11. Committee & Board Updates

- **Borough Council Updates** – Dan Rubenstein
- **Planning & Zoning Board Updates** – Andy Jackson
- **Shade Tree Committee Updates** – Nancy Fishman

12. Adjournment: _____ PM

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17, 2025 – 7:30 PM