

Pennington Borough Environmental Commission

Agenda for April 21, 2025 – 7:30 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Notetaker: _____

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2025

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

3. Public Comment

4. Administrative Items

- Announcements
 - Key Events in April & May
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

5. Collaboration with Pennington School Collaboration – Update (Kieran, Margo)

- *NEW PROJECT: Reimagining the “Hell Strip” – A Pennington School Student-led Environmental Demonstration*
- Discussion led by Kieran John with Margo Andrews (Pennington School) reviewing project brief (shared as a pre-read) for input & feedback
- Update on potential future projects planned with Pennington School environmental science students

6. Community Conversations – Our Next Event (Kieran, Jim, Nell)

- Overview of next Community Conversations topic: *“Greenscaping: Planting with Purpose – native plants, lawn alternatives, pollinators, water conservation”*
- Discussion on next steps: speakers, timing, other considerations

7. NWF Community Habitat Program – Update & Outreach (Emily)

- An update on community certification progress and outreach plans
- Discussion on certifying the new Arboretum in time for Grand Opening

8. NEW PROJECT: Bald Eagle Conservation in Pennington (Emily, Kieran)

- Emily will kindly provide us with a brief educational overview about the importance of bald eagle conservation in NJ (key data & facts)
- We will then review of a NEW proposed EC project: *"Bald Eagle Conservation in Pennington: Engaging Our Community in Wildlife Conservation"* (shared as pre-read)
- Discussion including EC feedback and next steps

9. Pennington Day 2025 – Planning Discussion (Kieran/all)

- Topics / areas of focus for the EC
 - Logistics: ANJEC materials to borrow, updated Q&A from Jim, and other planning needs
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STRATEGIC PROJECTS

10. 2024 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report – Draft Review (Andy, CNWG)

- This is another opportunity to discuss draft report (shared as a pre-read). Andy will share any NEW updates on the data & findings
- We will also discuss Carbon Neutral Working Group (CNWG) recommendation to evolve the current report format for Council & Public

11. Carbon Neutral Workgroup – Update on CEP Grant Workstream (Brian, CNWG)

- An update on workstream progress, consultant engagement, and next steps
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COMMUNICATIONS

12. EC Communications update (Emily, Nancy, Kieran)

- NWF Community Habitat communications series
- Earth Day 2025 (April 22nd) community outreach
- Social Media: a recap of Borough Admin meeting with GP, latest Facebook engagement, and new EC graphics

13. Other Ongoing Projects & Workstreams (only if time permitting):

- Arboretum QR Code and Signage Project: Update on collaboration with Arboretum Committee, development of QR coding, and woodworking signage
(Joann, Kieran)

- Environmental Checklist for Site Planning Reviews: Update from Andrew Seeder on progress to date (**Andrew Seeder; Andy Jackson**)
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GENERAL UPDATES

13. Updates from Committees & Boards

- Borough Council updates (Dan Rubenstein)
- Planning/Zoning Board updates (Andy Jackson)
- Open Space updates (Nancy Fishman)
- Green Team & Sustainable Jersey updates (Joann Held)

14. Adjournment: _____ PM

Next Meeting: May 19, 2025 at 7:30 PM