

Pennington Borough Environmental Commission

Agenda for February 24, 2025, 7:30 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Notetaker: _____

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2025:

Motion to approve by: _____ *Seconded by:* _____

Aye _____ *Nay* _____ *ABS* _____

3. Public Comment

4. Administrative Items

- **February Commission & Committee Chairs Meeting**
 - **Key Events in February & March**
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5. Community Engagement

- **Collaboration with The Pennington School (*Kieran*)**
 - Discussion on the students' project on flooding and how the EC can provide insights or support their work.
 - **Guest Speaker: Strengthening Our EC Connection with ANJEC (*Sheila Baker Gujral, ANJEC*)**
 - An introduction to ANJEC, overview of current initiatives, and discussion on how ANJEC can support our EC's work.
 - **Community Conversations: Recycling – Beyond the Basics (*Jim, Joann, Nancy, Kieran*)**
 - Final update on speakers, content, and logistics; overview of PR and publicity efforts for the event.
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6. Strategic Projects

- **ANJEC Community Grant – Interactive Arboretum Experience (*Kieran, Emily, Joann, Nancy, Nell*)**

- Update on progress, including community collaboration, expert review, website integration, hardware research, and signage development.
 - **NEW:** Grant application update – Native Plant Society of NJ.
 - **Community Energy Plan Development** (*Brian, Andy, Joann, Andrew, Kieran*)
 - Update on work with consultants (HGA, Colliers); Discussion on interactions with other municipalities (e.g., Lawrence Township).
 - Other updates.
 - **2025 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report for Municipal Operations** (*Andy*)
 - Update on data collection and expected timeline for an early read on the data.
 - **National Wildlife Federation Community Habitat Program** (*Emily*)
 - Brief update on progress.
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7. Communications

- **EC Social Media Presence** (*Kieran*)
 - **Other updates** (*Nancy, Emily*)
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8. Continuous Learning

- **Environmental Commission Checklist for Site Planning Reviews** (*Kieran, Andrew, Emily*)
 - Discussion on developing a checklist to guide EC input on site planning applications.
 - Team input on where to start, available resources, and best practices.
 - **America Is All In Campaign** (*Kieran*)
 - Overview of www.AmericalsAllIn.com – an open EC discussion on what participation may entail, including benefits, commitments, and next steps. EC feedback on the initiative and its potential alignment with our work.
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9. 2025 Environmental Commission Strategic Plan Discussion (*Kieran*)

- Review of the updated **2025 EC Strategic Plan** and final feedback and approval of the plan.
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10. General Updates

- **Borough Council Updates** (*Dan Rubenstein*)
 - **Planning/Zoning Board Updates** (*Andy Jackson*)
 - **Open Space Updates** (*Nancy Fishman*)
 - **Green Team & Sustainable Jersey Updates** (*Joann Held*)
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11. Adjournment: _____PM

Next Meeting: March 17, 2025, 7:30 PM