

PENNINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 25, 2025 – 7:30 p.m. – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

(Access link previously distributed by Betty Sterling)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes

- Review and approval of the June 2025 meeting minutes.

3. Administrative Reports and Announcements

- General updates from the Chair and Commission members.
- Overview of upcoming meetings and scheduled events.
- Notice: 52nd ANJEC Environmental Congress – Friday, October 10, 2025.

4. Community Conversations: Greenscaping Event Planning (Jim F, Nell H)

- Finalization of event format, topics, and invited speakers.
- Review of event logistics and operational preparations.
- Development of communications and promotional strategies (Emily and Nancy).

5. Environmental Checklist for Site Plan Applications (Andrew S)

- Progress update by Andrew Seeder (with supplemental information provided by Kieran).
- Upcoming collaboration with ANJEC.
- Presentation and review of the draft checklist and associated review process.

6. GBESE Element of the Master Plan (Andy J)

- Summary of the key changes and evolution in latest version of GBESE
- Solicitation of Environmental Commission feedback and open discussion.
- Formal vote (if possible) to approve the revised GBESE element.

7. Master Plan Preview: Conservation & CCHVA Elements (Andy J)

- Overview of anticipated updates and project timeline.
- Discussion of additional master plan elements relevant to the Environmental Commission.

8. Stormwater and Water Conservation Education Series (Kieran)

- Overview and forthcoming focus

- Discussion: Haddon Heights campaign (pre-read materials provided).
- Sharing a local resident's initiative on watershed ecology.

9. Pennington Arboretum Projects and Updates (Kieran, Joann)

- QR code identification and installation (Will Carter, Eagle Scout).
- Coordination of Environmental Commission website content for QR code integration (Emily, Kieran).
- Collaboration with the Girl Scouts on the arboretum exclosure projects (Samuel).
- Status report on the Eagle Scout bridge project: repair and extension (Neil Southall, Eagle Scouts).
- Other updates regarding Arboretum initiatives.

10. NWF Community Wildlife Habitat Program Update (Emily)

- Report on arboretum certification status.
- Plans for expanded rollout of the community wildlife habitat program.

11. Carbon Neutral Working Group Update (Brian, Andy, Joann, Kieran)

- Progress update on Community Energy Plan (CEP) and CNWG activities.

12. Standing Committee Updates

- Borough Council report (Dan).
- Green Team update (Joann).
- Shade Tree Committee report (Nancy).
- Planning Board update (Andy).

13. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

- Monday, September 15, 2025