

PENNINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Agenda for Monday, October 19, 2026 (7:30 PM)

Zoom Virtual Meeting (link sent by Borough Hall, and on Boro website)

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2026

Motion to approve by: _____ Second by: _____ Aye ____ Nay ____ Abstain ____

3. Announcements

- Feedback on 2026 ANJEC Environmental Congress (Joann, Jim, Kieran)
- Key upcoming events and updates in October & November
- Other announcements from EC members

4. Public Comment (if any)

ONGOING PROJECTS

5. Lighting & Solar Ordinance Work Group – Update and Guest Presentation (Jim, Nancy, Nell, Kieran & David Ackerman)

- Lighting Ordinance: Brief update from the work group on progress made in developing the proposed ordinance and next steps.
- Dark Sky Hopewell / DarkSky International (David Ackerman):
 - Introduction to Dark Sky and the principles of responsible outdoor lighting.
 - Environmental, neighborhood, and human health considerations.
 - PSE&G street lighting initiative: Understanding the benefits of 2700K versus 4000K lighting.

6. Environmental Commission New Site Planning Checklist (Andrew Seeder and subteam)

- Progress on simplifying and refining the EC checklist following recent work group feedback this month, including next steps toward a practical, user-friendly version.

7. Pennington Arboretum – Update (Kieran & Monica)

- Arboretum Stewardship (Kieran): Update on discussions with Borough Council regarding formalizing the EC's stewardship responsibilities.

- October Volunteer Days (Kieran): Recap of volunteer activities and progress made during the October Saturday workdays.
- Arboretum Deer Exclosures (Monica): Progress update, next steps, and discussion of proposed educational signage (see pre-read).

8. Community Energy Plan (CEP) – Update (Brian and Carbon Neutral Working Group)

- Progress on strategy development and integration, work remaining, next steps, and anticipated timeline toward completion.

9. Hopewell Valley Green Team – Update (Joann)

- Overview of current Green Team initiatives and priorities for Q4 2026, including opportunities for collaboration with the EC.

COMMUNICATIONS

10. Communications and Outreach (Nancy)

- Recent communications activities and upcoming outreach priorities.

STANDING UPDATES

11. Updates from Committees and Boards

- Borough Council update (Dan)
- Open Space update (Nancy)
- Planning and Zoning Board update (Andy)

12. Next Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2026, 7:30 PM

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: _____ Second by: _____ Meeting adjourned at: _____