

PENNINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Agenda for Monday, April 20, 2026 – 7:00 PM

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

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2026

Motion to approve by: _____ Second by: _____

Aye ___ Nay ___ Abstain ___

3. Announcements

Key upcoming events and updates in April & May

Other announcements from EC members

4. Public Comment (if any)

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

5. Historic Preservation Commission – Overview and Discussion (Eric Holtermann)

Eric Holtermann, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, will join us and share a brief overview of the Commission's role, priorities, and current activities. .

I recently met with Eric and we discussed a number of potential areas of alignment. This will serve as an opportunity for our EC to better understand their work and begin identifying potential areas of alignment and future collaboration opportunities.

STRATEGIC PROJECTS

6. Pennington Arboretum (Monica)

Brief update on recent and ongoing Arboretum activities:

- NEW 2026 ANJEC grant submission: project concept & key elements
- New plantings in coordination with Bountiful Gardens in April 2026
- Exclosure planning, including use of a new large tarp (April 2026)

7. Community Energy Plan (CEP) – Update (Brian and CNWG)

- Overview of key components within the CEP
- Latest progress being made

- Next steps

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

6. May Community Conversation: Community Energy Plan (CNWG, Jim, Nell, Nancy)

- Review of proposed agenda (CNWG)
- Publicity and outreach planning (Nancy)
- Other logistics and planning needs (Jim, Nell)

7. Pennington Day 2026 Planning (Kieran, all)

i) Logistics:

- Tent and table
- Displays and signage
- Prizes & giveaways
- Other supporting materials
- Native plant display from Bountiful Gardens

ii) Areas of focus for the EC booth:

- *Community Energy Plan*
 - What specifically should be our focus
 - Poster – next steps?
- *EC's Community Conversations*
 - We discussed highlighting the range of Community Conversations we have completed to date – how do we bring this to life on Pennington Day?
- *Pennington Arboretum*
 - What should be our focus on PDay?
 - Map of arboretum (Jim)

iii) Supporting materials: Interactive energy demonstration (Andrew)

- Explore feasibility of a simple pedal-powered or hands-on demonstration to help illustrate energy usage in a tangible way for attendees (e.g., generating power to light a bulb or compare energy demand). We should also discuss how this demonstration can be clearly tied to one of our 3 key focus areas for the booth.

STANDING UPDATES

8. General Updates

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

9. Next Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2026 – 7:30 PM

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: _____ Second by: _____

Meeting adjourned at: _____