

GREEN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025, AT 5:30 pm

PUBLIC NOTICE: Adequate notice of this public meeting has been made in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act in as much as a notice has been published in the New Jersey Herald, transmitted to the Star Ledger and posted at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road, Tranquility, N.J.

ROLL CALL: Fausto Moyano, Ellen Lessin, Matthew Fox and Christopher Sullivan were in attendance; Cynthia Moyano was absent. Also in attendance was Gwen Santos, Committee Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:44 pm.

MINUTES: *Approval of minutes from April 1, 2025, meeting;* minutes read by Mat Fox.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2025 meeting, was made by Fausto Moyano, seconded by Chris Sullivan; all in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- NJ DEP Report on a reported spill of heating oil in Green Township provided and reviewed; no questions posed.
- Minutes from the Sussex County Agriculture Development Board meeting on March 17, 2025, provided for informational purposes only. Matt Fox determined there was nothing contained in the minutes relating to Green Township.
- Fausto Moyano provided design outline photos for second pollinator garden and bench placement area to all members. Elly Lessin offered her opinion on using native shrubs instead of trees in the areas around the bench placement area (bench not yet installed).
- Elly Lessin provided an informational email from NJ DEP regarding pesticides and neonicotinoids to all members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- *Pollinator Garden and Garden Bench:*
 - Matt Fox will reach out to Jason Miller to determine when the clearing of the second pollinator garden can begin to ensure it can be coordinated with of the purchase of the native plants.
- *Pollinator Garden Contest:*
 - All Committee Members agreed this topic should be tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ideas for the Environmental Committee's table at Green Township Day on 6/7/2025, discussed:
 - Elly Lessin suggested a presentation of raptors by the "bird lady" (name evaded her). Elly will reach out to see what would be needed for the presentation, and the total cost for such an activity. Matt Fox requested current budget information to ensure there are available funds; current budget and previously encumbered totals were provided by the secretary.
 - Matt Fox requested Cynthia provide a list of the native plants contained in the first pollinator garden to be used at their table for informational purposes.

- Matt, Fausto and Elly all stated that there were items purchased and used last year at their table; requested location of such items be determined for use this year.
List of items needed for the presentation table include: tablecloths, books on native plants, informational pamphlets, posters and paperweights.
- The possibility of an additional meeting being held this month, possibly via Zoom, to finalize plans for Green Township Day was mentioned; no final determination was made.
- Participation as volunteers for Clean Communities Day on 5/17/2025 was discussed. Motion to participate made by Chris Sullivan and seconded by Fausto Moyano; all in favor, motion carried. Participation form completed by Matt Fox indicating three (3) members attending; secretary to give form to Clean Communities Coordinator.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Sullivan at 6:35 pm, seconded by Fausto Moyano. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gwen Santos, Environmental Secretary

Date: May 7, 2025