

GREEN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, September 2, 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: Cynthia Moyano, Fausto Moyano, Ellen Lessin, Matthew Fox, Christopher Sullivan and Michael Wood were in attendance. Also in attendance was Gwen Santos, Committee Secretary, and Green Township resident, Irene Buckley

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

MINUTES: *Approval of minutes from August 5, 2025, meeting*

- Motion to approve the minutes of August 5, 2025, meeting was made by Chris Sullivan, seconded by Fausto Moyano; all in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification from NJ DEP dated 8/6/2025 reviewed by Committee Members. No action needed as this was for informational purposes only.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- *Pollinator Garden and Garden Bench:*
 - Matt Fox advised that he visited the garden area; the bench has been installed and the second pollinator garden is constructed and ready for the seedling to be planted.
 - Matt Fox made a motion for the fencing around the second pollinator garden to be installed to protect the new plants. Chris Sullivan seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. It was decided that Matt Fox and Mike Wood will meet at the second garden on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 11:00 am to install the fence (Chris & Elly are unavailable on that date, and Cynthia and Fausto Moyano will be manning the information table a Green Township Day)..
 - Elly Lessin advised that 66 seedlings, not 85 as originally stated, were received from NJ Fish & Wildlife. Sharon Wander has been caring for the plants on behalf of the Environmental Committee; Sharon Wander advised Elly Lessin that the seedlings need to be put in the ground now. Elly Lessin will reach out to Sharon Wander to see if Sharon is available to meet Matt Fox and Mike Wood at the garden on September 6, 2025. Elly Lessin stated that a schedule for watering the seedling should be established to ensure the plants will be watered twice daily during the first two months after planting.
 - Plants purchased from Wild Ridge were reviewed and the decision of placement was made; the two Red Chokeberry trees will flank the bench ten (10) feet on either side, and the remaining four trees will be planted among the rocks in the rear of bench. Chris Sullivan made a motion to accept this decision. Elly Lessin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Matt Fox will email Jason Miller, DPW Supervisor, regarding preparation and planting for said trees.
- Seed packets ordered for Green Township Day were presented to Committee Members.

- *Green Township Day:* Gwen Santos reminded the Committee that Green Township Day is this Saturday, September 6, 2025, and wanted to ensure that they have everything needed for their information Table; Cynthia and Fausto Moyano confirmed that they had all that is needed.
- *Short, Medium and Long Term Goals of the Environmental Advisory Committee:* Mike Wood elaborated on the discussion from last meeting, including creating a spreadsheet listing of short (3 months), medium (6 months) and long (12 months or more) term goals. Gwen Santos will create said spreadsheet to present to Committee next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Chris Sullivan advised that Green Hills School created a nature trail behind the school. Chris Sullivan has a meeting scheduled with the school Superintendent to discuss the Environmental Advisory Committee acting as advisors to the students caring for the trail, and to determine if any other assistance can be provided.

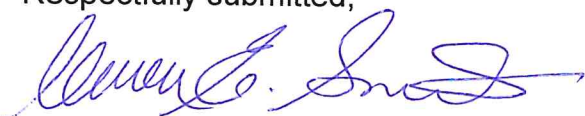
PUBLIC COMMENT AND/OR QUESTIONS: Just prior to the close of the meeting, Matt Fox recognized Irene Buckley, who proceeded to address the committee:

- Mrs. Buckley stated that she was an original member of the Green Township Environmental Commission many years ago. Mrs. Buckley proceeded to advise Members of a well water testing program for township residents that was sponsored by the Commission. Mrs. Buckley indicated that this was at no cost to the Municipality, that interested residents would pay a minimal fee for the testing and had the option of submitting the results to the Commission. Mrs. Buckley stated that she would like this program to be offered again.
- Mrs. Buckley questioned why the Township provides single stream recycling as opposed to source separated recycling like other nearby municipalities. Matt Fox responded by saying this was a topic that has never been visited by the Committee. Mrs. Buckley retorted by saying this was an environmental issue and the Committee should be looking for environmentally friendly ways to perform their duties, such as reviewing the recycling protocols. Secretary, Gwen Santos, advised Mrs. Buckley that Green Township is under contact with Blue Diamond Disposal for trash and recycling removal, and the single stream recycling is their policy; Gwen Santos offered Mrs. Buckley the telephone number for Blue Diamond so she could pose that question to them. Matt Fox added that if Mrs. Buckley wanted more information or is seeking to change the current protocol for recycling removal, she should request to be put on the agenda for a Township Committee meeting and address this issue with those who make contract decisions.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Matt Fox at 6:40 pm, seconded by Chris Sullivan. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gwen Santos, Environmental Secretary

Date: September 9, 2025