Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
Approved Minutes January 14, 2026

Attendees: John Nielsen, Teri Dickinson, Jeanne Berlin, Charles Reed, Robert Deist, Lauri Hyers, Al Wright
Absent: Tanner Burns, Paul Brenner, Roger Mustalish, Barb Root, Jeff Burke, Amy Burke

Meeting called to order at
1. Approval of August 2025- tabled
2. JN motioned to approve minutes as written, from December 2025. RD seconds. Approved. JN reported that Amy Troop has resigned from the EAC. A discussion followed regarding how many members are presently on the EAC, who can vote and what constitutes a quorum.
3. Officers- JN offered to continue as Chairman, with RD as Vice Chairman. RD suggested that once projects and goals are narrowed down, there will then be someone assigned to lead each project. TD related the present plans for organizing Park & Recreation. Hopefully, the EAC can assist the P&R with environmental projects in the park. JB will continue as secretary. JN would like to circulate agendas in advance of meetings so that there is time for feedback/additions before being finalized and posted. Meetings will remain the second Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 in the Township Building.
4. Single-Use Plastics- The township survey is completed, but results have not been shared with the EAC. They will be summarized by the township manager and will be an agenda item at the January 27 Board of Supervisors meeting. LH will look over the survey and formulate questions for the supervisors. Issues with 'ruling by survey' were discussed. On a separate note, LH suggested we ask residents what they would like the EAC to concentrate on in the future. A poll could be offered during elections in November. LH will devise a survey that would only include East Fallowfield Township residents, possibly using the voter registry. Topics were discussed. The Lawn to Meadow program was discussed, as well as a possible ordinance regarding plant height.

Old Business
1. JB suggested that the haying of the field be delayed once again this year until July to protect ground nesting birds like the Bobolink.
2. TD reported on plans to sample sludge in the park pond, prior to it being dredged. These samples will be checked for contaminants. RD suggested that EAC work closely with P&R during this process.

New Business
1. JB suggested the EAC order sample jars for collecting water during the upcoming Salt Week. JN will handle. LH discussed hunting in the township, especially hunting that crosses over into trespassing. EAC decided this topic was not within EAC's purview. It was suggested that the Township Manager address the topic in the fall newsletter. JB will investigate reports of a hunting tree stand on park property, and report findings to the manager.
2. Guest Al Wright discussed the upcoming end on the moratorium on the Single-use Plastic Ban. The ordinance will continue as written unless the supervisors vote to remove it. EAC collectively stands behind the original ordinance.

JN made a motion to adjourn. RD seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.