



# FOX CHAPEL

## BOROUGH

### **Environmental Advisory Council Meeting September 8, 2025 Minutes**

**Present:** Austin P. Henry, Chairman; Brenda McEver, Ronald Morosky, Thomas J. Murphy, Jay S. Troutman, Members

**Also Present:** Dan Moretti, Zoning Administrator; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant; Justin McKay, Pittsburgh Field Club

**Via Zoom:** Mike Pohl; Wendy David

**Absent:** Donald H. Newman, Member

Mr. Henry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Morosky that the minutes from the meeting held on June 9, 2025, be approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

Tree Removal Applications: Pittsburgh Field Club  
TR-25-93 and TR-25-94 121 Field Club Road  
Submitted by Justin McKay, *Golf Course Superintendent*  
Removal of 20 Trees

Justin McKay, Golf Course Superintendent at the Pittsburgh Field Club, was in attendance to provide an overview and answer questions regarding the removal of 20 trees over 6" DBH near the house at 419 Fox Chapel Road on the Club's property.

Two sections of trees are planned for removal. The first section is located between the Club and the house at the 11<sup>th</sup> hole, which includes a row of Osage Orange trees and several hardwoods damaged by the June storms. Work on the removals has already started, but was paused to ensure compliance with Borough regulations. During assessment of the area, a stormwater channel was discovered in the section of trees, which, with their removal, presents an opportunity to regrade and redirect stormwater runoff. Removing trees will also help beautify the area and address safety concerns related to site distance when exiting the driveway. Black Tupelos are planned as replacements. The other section contains a stand of Spruce trees and a Cherry tree between the house and Fox Chapel Road. The applicant proposes replacing them with an Arborvitae screen for privacy.

Mr. Troutman noted that Arborvitae do not replace the established trees in the area, even as Evergreens. There is enough space on the golf course for hardwood trees, which would upgrade the Borough's canopy and help privately manage stormwater. He is agreeable to the applicant's intentions, with supervision from the Zoning Administrator on the stormwater aspects and regrading. A total of 20 trees are expected to be replaced—Tupelos, with as many as can fit, is a nice idea. The EAC would like to see a list of the planned locations for the replacement trees.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Troutman moved that Tree Removal Applications TR-25-93 and TR-25-94 be approved as submitted, contingent upon the submission of a replanting plan within 30 days accounting for the 20 trees for replacement with at least 7 hardwoods and the balance of trees being preferably hardwoods. Also, contingent upon submitting to the Zoning Administrator any grading plan or intent relative to stormwater flow to the discovered inlet.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and passed by unanimous vote.

### **Executive Session**

At 7:23 p.m., the EAC adjourned into Executive Session to discuss applicants for the vacant EAC position. At 7:46 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

There being no other business to come before the EAC, there was a motion to temporarily adjourn the meeting to reconvene on Thursday, September 9, 2025, for the continuation of the Executive Session to interview candidates and then vote on a recommendation to Council for the vacant EAC position.

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Administrative Assistant