



# FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH

## Minutes Fox Chapel Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Held March 9, 2026

### Call to Order

**Present:** Austin Henry, Chairman; Brenda McEver, Ronald Morosky, Thomas Murphy, Donald Newman, Katherine Wolff

**Also Present:** Dan Moretti, Zoning Administrator; Adam Livingston, Borough Engineer; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant; Dillon Brennan, PVEDI Engineering; Jerry Nist, Hampton Technical Associates

**Via Zoom:** Jay Troutman, EAC Member

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

### Approval of Minutes

- I. The meeting was held on February 9, 2026.

Mr. Morosky moved that the minutes from the February 9, 2026, meeting be approved as submitted. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### Resident Comments

### Unfinished Business

- II. Environmental Disturbance Application No. 26-01  
4 Twin Pine Court

Dillon Brennan from PVEDI Engineering was in attendance to answer questions on the updated application for the construction of a residential addition and patio space. The proposed improvements are located to the north of Twin Pine Court. The applicant proposes the removal of 9 trees over 6" DBH. The replanting plan includes 22 trees — 7 Norway Spruce and 15 Green Giant Arborvitae.

The applicant requests a waiver of the requirement for a geotechnical report and a waiver for the proposed use of a level spreader.

Since the last meeting, Mr. Brennan stated that the location of the sump and level spreader was pushed back to 15 ft from the right-of-way, and the sump resized to 27 ft. The size of the level spreader was increased to 30 ft, three times its original size. The sump was reconfigured to make it more linear, increasing its storage capacity. Last, the stone drainage swale adjacent to the driveway was removed to eliminate additional concentrated flow towards the right-of-way.

Discrepancies with the stormwater report calculations, specifically the comparison of the 100 year post-development and 20 year pre-development rates, overall POIs, and the allowable release rates, were discussed. Mr. Livingston, Borough Engineer, emphasized the importance of ensuring that there is no increase in the runoff rate. Concerns regarding runoff from the level spreader into the Borough right-of-way and the proximity of the level spreader to the right-of-way remain concerns of the EAC. Mr. Newman pointed out that, with respect to the level spreader, the DEP criteria for water loadings and flow length of the

receiving area are not met in this instance. An updated stormwater management report is necessary to determine if the facility is properly sized. There was continued discussion about whether a direct connection of the outfall to the storm sewer in the roadway is a viable option. The proposed location of the sump and level spreader on a steep slope was a concern. Approaches including other BMP site locations, an additional sump and level spreader, or a pipe routed around the utility company facilities to the storm sewer in the roadway, were suggested for exploration. Geotechnical certification and an amendment to the requested waiver would be required, including any modification of DEP's minimum 75 ft flow length requirement. If using an additional level spreader, this must also be noted in the waiver request.

Following review and discussion, the Environmental Advisory Council and the project's engineer agreed to extend Environmental Disturbance Application No. 26-01 until the April meeting, allowing more time to investigate alternative options.

III. Environmental Disturbance Application No. 23-10  
100 Hillcrest Road

Jerry Nist from Hampton Technical Associates was in attendance to present the amended application for the proposed construction of a new 1-story detached garage, including an additional driveway and a generator pad at a single-family residence. The proposed improvements are located along Fox Chapel Road and Hillcrest Road.

Stormwater management was discussed. The existing sump will adequately manage the additional impervious area of the garage, as it was designed with the garage in mind. The LSSE comment in the letter dated February 25, 2026, relative to Pond #2 was also addressed. The elevation inputs for BMP2 culvert, orifices, and weir structures vary in comparison to the outlet structure detail elevations. Revisions will be provided following receipt of the forthcoming LSSE review letter.

Following discussion, Mr. Newman moved that the amendment to Environmental Disturbance Application No. 23-10 for Phase 2 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as submitted, contingent upon the standard requirements set forth in the LSSE letter dated February 25, 2026. And contingent upon the engineer's submission of the Pond report elevation inputs for BMP2 prior to the March 16, 2026, Borough Council meeting. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**New Business**

**Adjournment**

With no other business to come before the Environmental Advisory Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

**Kelsey M. Mersing**  
Administrative Assistant