



FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH

Minutes Fox Chapel Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Held May 11, 2026

Call to Order

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

Also Present: Dan Moretti, Zoning Administrator; Adam Livingston, Borough Engineer; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant; Chris Richardson, Hampton Technical Associates; Melinda Guinn, Jeffrey Beyer, Park Commission Members

Via Zoom:

Absent: Jay Troutman, EAC Member

Mr. Henry called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- I. The meeting was held on April 13, 2026.

Motion to [approve, deny, or approve with conditions] the April 13, 2026, minutes.

Mr. Murphy moved that the minutes from the April 13, 2026, meeting be approved as submitted. Mr. Morosky seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resident Comments

Melinda Guinn and Jeffrey Beyer, Park Commission members, attended to present two projects they are actively working on and to request the EAC's input and collaboration on both. First, the Remarkable Tree Program, a new initiative modeled after a Franklin Park Borough program. It offers community engagement and highlights remarkable trees in the Borough while educating the public about stormwater benefits, habitats, and more. Further information will be shared with the EAC following the meeting. Second, the utility-related work in the parks. Previous herbicide applications in the parks, made without public notice, are cause for concern. Ms. Guinn and Mr. Beyer would like to consult with the EAC on a draft letter to the utility companies whose lines pass through Borough parks. This letter would encourage an open line of communication for future work to help maintain the integrity of the parks. Mr. Henry asked that the EAC be kept updated on any progress or findings as they become available. Ms. Wolff shared that NFWF may offer grant funding for native seeding in rights-of-way. She has some experience and can share additional contacts with experience. Furthermore, Ms. Wolff offered to provide sample planting plans and resources for native seeding if the Park Commission is interested.

Unfinished Business

- II. Environmental Disturbance Application No. 26-03
88 Haverford Road

Motion to recommend to Borough Council [to approve, deny, or approve with conditions] Environmental Disturbance Application 26-03 as submitted.

Chris Richardson from Hampton Technical Associates was in attendance to present the revised application for the construction of a pool, pool house, patio, and rock sump. The proposed improvements are located to

the west of Old Mill Road and north of Haverford Road.

The applicant has requested a waiver from the requirement of a geotechnical report.

There was a brief discussion regarding the sizing and capacity of the existing detention pond. It was determined to be adequately sized to collect the water conveyed from the sump system.

Following discussion, Mr. Newman moved that Environmental Disturbance Application No. 26-03 be recommended for approval by Borough Council as currently submitted, including the waiver of the geotechnical report requirement. Mr. Murphy 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 7:26 p.m.

Kelsey M. Mersing
Administrative Assistant