

Newtown Borough Environmental Advisory Council

August 11, 2025 Minutes

Council Chambers 23 N. State St. Newtown PA 18940 and Zoom

Members present: Glenn Beasley, Pat Foster, Tim Markey (Co-chair), Bob Mirales, Summer Bound, Julia Woldorf (Council Liaison)

1. Review agenda: The agenda was reviewed with no changes.

2. Approve minutes: Bob made motion, Glenn seconded approval for July 14th, 2025 minutes.

3. EAC Priorities for 2025

a. Sustainable Landscaping: Reminder to please complete the survey – 97 responses and 46 comments, so far.

Goals of survey include gauging community interest, comments, and developing a synopsis of results to present to council – likely in October. Another goal is to have borough landscape contracts use electric powered equipment, as opposed to nonrenewable fossil fuels.

b. Climate Action Plan (CAP): Meetings thus far have included inventory acquisition, data collection, and examples of how other communities are utilizing the program. Data requests, such as Department of Transportation, were sent (in addition to new requests). There has been a focus on cobenefits for community, economy, and environment when planning after result analysis. General timeline: fall – data collection and inventory; winter and spring – finish inventory and data analysis, result presentation, then move into a planning phase for how we intend to use the data. We will have access to the ClearPath App, which will help log and analyze data.

Some suggestions were made by the group about opportunities for us to promote our engagement in the program to help build interest and support from the community over time – such as a press release or quarterly articles that could highlight our progress. We will be introduced to the students who will be in charge of our data at end of the month. This project is proving to be a great learning opportunity for council and community.

c. Storm Sewer Decals: This project is ongoing. If anyone sees spots in need of new decals, let Patrick know. We can consider sending out the map of the storm drains marked to the public to inform them of our efforts.

4. Borough Council Update

a. TMA - Nicole gave presentation and Craig said it is a good idea and recommended it be recommended into budget for next year.

b. CCA - On hold due to complications with PECO and State of Pennsylvania.

c. Website - New website will hopefully be transferred to new company by end of week. Please send recommendations, ideas, and information for new EAC website. Considerations include educational resources, survey, email list sign up, online presence, events...

5. New Business

a. Bowman's Wildflower Preserve Grant - Will be applying. Proposing to use grant to revitalize and install native plants around swale at Old Skunkey. Julia and Summer are focusing on grant and educational component. Grant proposal is due at end of month.

b. Backyard National Park - possible opportunity to present to community at event this Fall

c. Recycling - re-examining how companies are recycling borough waste.

D. Public native plant sale - through Penn State's Master Watershed Steward program. Orders must be placed by August 27th. Here is the link to place an order - <https://extension.psu.edu/mws-tree-sale-workshop>

6. Public Comment: None.

7. Next Newtown Borough EAC meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2025, 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers and via Zoom.

8. Motion to Adjourn: Tim made the motion to adjourn, and Glenn seconded with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

For the Council,
Summer Bound