

**GREEN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025, AT 5:30 pm**

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Adequate notice of this public meeting has been made in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act in as much as a notice has been published in the New Jersey Herald, transmitted to the Star Ledger and posted at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road, Tranquility, N.J.

**ROLL CALL:** Cynthia Moyano, Fausto Moyano, Ellen Lessin, Matthew Fox and Christopher Sullivan were in attendance. Also in attendance was Mike Wood (applicant for Environmental Committee member) and Gwen Santos, Committee Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

**MINUTES:** *Approval of minutes from May 6, 2025, meeting;* minutes read by Mat Fox.

Motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 2025 meeting, was made by Matt Fox, seconded by Fausto Moyano; all in favor, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- NJ DEP Weekly Report dated May 16, 2025, not review at this meeting. Since this was given for informational purposes only, it was agreed by all members that they will review it at their leisure and inform me if there were any topics included in this communication that warranted discussion at next meeting.
- NJ Shade Tree grant application reviewed and not pursued at this time due to the deadline date of June 30, 2025.
- NJ DEP Compliance Advisory on Neonicotinoids not reviewed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- *Pollinator Garden and Garden Bench:*
  - Work has not begun on the second pollinator garden or the bench installation; Jason Miller will advise when the work can be added to the DPW's calendar.
  - Elly advised that NJ Fish & Wildlife will distribute plants after June 7<sup>th</sup>; Cynthia commented that these need to be low maintenance plants.
  - Elly mentioned that the garden should be cleaned up prior to Green Township Day. Matt stated he has been clearing grass from the pollinator garden, but is unsure what are weeds and what are plants. Elly made a motion to request Sharon Wander accompany her to the garden to identify the weeds for removal. Fausto seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.
  - Fausto made a motion to use wood chips in garden areas to minimize weed growth and thereby creating a low maintenance area. Chris seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.
- *Pollinator Garden Contest:* All Committee Members agreed not to pursue this idea further.

- *Green Township Day*: It was determined that Cynthia, Fausto and Elly will set up information table in the morning. Elly will need to leave early. Chris will be there from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and assist with breaking down. Matt Fox is unavailable to attend.
  - Finalized the information to be presented at the Environmental Committee's table at Green Township Day on 6/7/2025 as follows:
    - Cynthia Moyano presented and explained framed posters regarding water cycle and native pollinator plants she created for display at Green Township Day.
    - Elly Lessin introduced pamphlets for potential display: "Butterflies of NJ", "Bring Back Pollinators", "Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation" and "Why We Need Insects and Other Invertebrates". Elly also provided additional informational materials for potential display.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Fausto showed the members seed packets that were given away on Clean Communities Day in May. Fausto made a motion to encumber funds to purchase the custom printed seed packets for Green Township Day 2026, seconded by Cynthia; all in favor, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was made by Elly at 6:35 pm, seconded by Cynthia. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Gwen Santos, Environmental Secretary

Date: June 5, 2025