

Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes Via Teleconference
August 25, 2025

1. This meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ron McBride, at 7:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. The Open Public Meeting proclamation was read. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.
2. In attendance: Ron Mc Bride, Norm Lenchitz, Tara Waterhouse, Nick Mesiano, Kathleen Salber, Fran Spinell, Fiore Copare and Eileen O'Hara.
3. Approval of the minutes from the July 28, 2025 regular meeting: members reviewed. ***Motion to approve by Norm, 2nd by Ron all in favor.***
4. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Farmland Preservation Update – Eileen

Dobson- 1 appraisal complete, waiting for the second
Lyeffetti/Lenchitz – offer has been accepted
JWP – offer extended, no response, Kris and I have both reached out to them, Norm will follow up with Eric Davis
No other updates to report.
 - b. Green Acres/Open Space Update – None
 - c. Report on Area Meetings, Training, Events: None
 - d. Newspaper Articles – Ron reported that NJ has made an historical 2-billion-dollar settlement to remediate “forever chemicals” and pesticides at several sites throughout the state including Pennsville and Greenwich. Complete information is available online.
 - e. Elmer Lake Fishing Line Container – Ron cleaned 8/24/25, very little trash.
 - f. Pittsgrove Day:
 - Native Species Exhibit
 - South Jersey Nature Club
 - South Jersey Gas (CNG or Marketing Exhibit)
 - Historical photo exhibit
 - 8 Exhibit Booth Spaces and Tents in a Block Orientation
 - Green Pittsgrove EC Logo Tote Bags – 528 on hand for 2026
 - Flower Seeds were a big hit and germinated well
 - 3 composters for drawing
 - DEP Education Literature
 - SJ Land & Water Trust Exhibit
 - Clean Communities Booth Close to PTEC complex?
 - Student Rep. and the Schalick Interact Club
 - Jim Andrus/Blue Bird Box Exhibit – anyone replacing him?
 - Other ideas for Pittsgrove Day 2026
 - g. Quarterly road cleanup – scheduled for 9/20/25 at 8:00 a.m.

- h. Radon Awareness Program (RAP) – Eileen has 1 quote and contacted 2 more companies, no response yet, will call for update.
 - i. Shred Event – Saturday, 11/8/25, resolution for TC approval on agenda for this Wednesday.
 - j. Pittsgrove Signage Update – Eileen will text Patrick for an update/
 - k. Tire Amnesty – tabled for 2025, no market or funding at present.
 - l. PTEC Zoom meetings will continue moving forward.
 - m. Green Branch Park Nature Walk – cool August mornings are great for walking.
 - n. Intercoastal Waterway Cleanup – Garden Road seems like the best spot. Norm said that area was just cleaned but that won't last long!
5. New Business:
- a. “Most Improved Property Nomination” for 2026 Pittsgrove Day – Norm talked to Ortiz and he doesn't want to be involved. He'll talk to his neighbor who's done lots of work on his property.
 - b. “Gershal Avenue Complete Streets Grant”
- Nick stated this project is on pause for now. He should get an update on its standing at this week's TC meeting. The county denied his first request for a traffic study but he'll keep pushing it. They are doing a count on Gershal Avenue.
6. Planning Board Update – meeting scheduled for 8/26/25, Eileen emailed the info to all members.
7. Correspondence: Eileen
- Environmental & Technical Services has a treatment works application filed for a new septic system at Holly Tree Acres.
- Joseph Arsenault Environmental Consultant has requested a LOI from the DEP for 1178 Centerton Road, Iverson III et al. Ron will pick both up at the office.
8. Member Roundtable: Ron and Norm were both friends with Derik Martin who was killed in a July accident. Derik was very aware of farm and environmental issues and an avid landscaper, fisherman and Mason. He'll be made a posthumous member of PTEC at this week's TC meeting.
9. Public Comments: None
10. Budget 2025: Ron said it's in good shape and if anyone has questions, please ask him.
12. Adjournment: 8:34 p.m. ***Motion to adjourn by Norm, 2nd by Kathy, all in favor.***

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 22, 2025