

West Reading Environmental Advisory Council

500 Chestnut Street
West Reading, PA 19611



November 24, 2025

1. Call to order @ 6:00 pm - members present Bethany Bower, Samantha Kaag, Patrick Kaag
2. Public Comment - none
3. **Agenda Amendment** - Motion made by B. Bower, 2nd by S. Kaag. *Consideration to approve Holiday Free Market event on December 6th, 2025, from 10 am-2 pm, as an EAC collaboration with the Buy Nothing group* Motion made by S. Kaag, 2nd by B. Bower. Motion approved
4. Approval of Minutes (8/25/2025) - Motion made by B. Bower, 2nd by S. Kaag
5. **Old Business**
 - M.O.R.E. Grant: Municipal building energy audit report > members discussed the items listed in the report, for each of the listed municipal buildings (Borough Hall, Police Station, Firehouse, Bicentennial House). Since the previous energy audit report, the Borough has made several updates listed in the previous report, such as window replacements, HVAC upgrades, LED lighting updates, and more. Members agreed that continuing to convert to more energy-efficient equipment and materials would be the best course. Will consult the Engineer on how to proceed with these goals through the grant process.
 - AI Data Centers: Zoning for Municipal Water & Utility usage > members discussed getting clarification on how the EAC can potentially assist the Planning Commission and Zoning/Codes on this issue.
6. **New Business**
 - Greenspace maintenance: Volunteer group assembly/leadership >members discussed the possibility of having Spring & Fall Garden cleanups to help assemble regular volunteers for greenspace maintenance. Will create a post on EAC social media to engage potential volunteers
 - 7. MS4 education: You do not need to rake their leaves, it's best for our pollinator insects when they nest for winter. Yard pollutants can end up in our waterways when we rake them into the streets. <https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/blog/fall-leave-leaves>
 - 8. **Global Update:** Record high CO2 levels (2024) <https://gml.noaa.gov/ccgg/trends/>
9. Adjournment @ 6:42 pm, motion made by B. Bower, 2nd by S. Kaag. Motion carried.

Submitted by

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