



**Hatboro Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Monday, August 5, 2024

Borough Hall, 414 S. York Road, Hatboro, PA 19040

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)**
- 4. Approval of July 1st, 2024 Minutes**
Motion: Motion to approve the July 1, 2024 meeting minutes.
- 5. EAC Secretary Appointment**
Motion: Motion to appoint a Secretary for the Environmental Advisory Council.
- 6. Discussion of appointment of EAC member as official spokesperson to communicate with the Borough on EAC matters.**
Motion: Motion to appoint an EAC member as the official representative to communicate with the Borough on Environmental Advisory Council matters.
- 7. Review Social Media policy for EAC members**
- 8. Schedule November 2024 EAC meeting**
Motion: Motion to select the 2024 Hatboro Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Date.
- 9. Audubon Society BirdTown Request Letter**
Motion: Motion to approve the Audubon Society BirdTown Request Letter.
- 10. Motion to approve Bird Town Borough Council Resolution**
Motion: Motion to recommend that Borough Council review and approve the Bird Town Resolution as presented by the EAC.
- 11. Motion to Approve Honorary Garden for Natalie Forbes Letter**
Motion: Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the installation of an honorary garden for Natalie Forbes at Borough Hall.
- 12. Motion to Adopt EAC actions toward ETP Goals Document**
Motion: Motion to adopt the EAC actions toward ETP Goals Document as the official process for reaching goals contained within the Energy Transition Plan.

13. Preview Penn State Master Watershed Steward Fall Tree and Shrub Sale

Motion: Motion to recommend Borough Council authorize participation in the Penn State Master Watershed Steward Fall Tree and Shrub giveaway program.

14. Heritage Tree Ordinance Discussion

Motion: Motion to recommend Borough Council to enact the Heritage Tree Ordinance.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Energy Transition Plan and Clean Energy Initiatives.**
 - a. Review Community Advocates for Clean Energy Resources
 - b. Electric School Bus Interest – HHSD
 - c. Determine next steps toward ETP Goals
- 2. Trash Reduction**
 - a. Discuss Textile Recycling Options and Resources
- 3. Watercourses and Riparian Buffers**
 - a. Review local riparian buffer ordinances
 - b. Review riparian corridor conservation district
- 4. PHS Tree Tenders**
 - a. Update – Evaluating trees delayed due to extreme heat
- 5. Trees/Gardens/Meadow**
- 6. Pennypack Community Garden**
- 7. Wildlife & Habitat**

13. Old Business

- a. EAC Event Yard Signs**
 - i. Pricing, design and preview
- b. EAC Website Update**
- c. Training Opportunities**
 - i. Composting August 7th
 - ii. National Night Out August 9th
 - iii. Introduction to Birding August 12
 - iv. Electric School Bus Demonstration August 31st
 - v. We Conserve
 - vi. Earth Day 2025

Public Comment

Next Meeting: September 4th, 2024

Adjournment

The Borough of Hatboro Public Comment Policy

I. BACKGROUND STATEMENT

The Pennsylvania Sunshine Act (65 Pa. C.S. 701, et seq) provides that the Board or Council of a political subdivision shall provide a reasonable opportunity at each advertised regular meeting and advertised special meeting for residents of the political subdivision or for taxpayers of the political subdivision to comment on matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Board or Council prior to taking official action. (710.1).

To assure compliance with the Act, to inform members of the public who may wish to make comment, and to provide for predictable and orderly implementation of the public comment period, Hatboro Borough Council has adopted this Public Comment Policy.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

1. Every regular and special meeting of Hatboro Borough Council shall have, as an agenda item, a period of time (Public Comment Period) set aside for receiving comments from Hatboro Borough residents and taxpayers as identified in the Act.
2. No member of the public shall make comment for more than three (3) minutes. No member of the public shall be allowed to delegate his/her time to any other members.
3. A period of time may be set aside for receiving additional comments from those members of the public attending a meeting who are not Hatboro Borough residents or taxpayers toward or at the end of the meeting by motion passed by a majority of Council members present and voting. Any discretionary public comment at the end of the meeting shall be limited to three (3) minutes per individual on any relevant Borough of Hatboro topic.
4. All such public comment shall be limited to matters of public concern, official action or deliberations that are, or may come, before Borough Council. If a group of residents or taxpayers of the Borough wish to comment on an issue and/or topic, they are asked to select one individual to speak for the group.
5. The purpose of the Public Comment Period is to receive comment, not to engage in public debate or argument with either members of Borough Council, Borough Staff or other members of the public attending the meeting.
6. Comment that makes personal attack on anyone shall not be allowed.

7. The presiding officer of the meeting shall have full charge and control of the Public Comment Period and enforcement of the provisions of this Policy.