

October 9, 2025

The October 9, 2025 meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission came to order at 7:35 p.m., held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1976, followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present were Jim McMekin, Glenn Todd, Ruth Panté and Township Committeeman Glen McGuinness; Chair Kathleen Todd arrived at 7:40. Robert Jewell was excused.

MINUTES

It was noted the last paragraph of the September 13, 2025 minutes referred to "APM" which should be corrected to "ATM." Ms. Todd MOVED to accept and approve the minutes of the September 13, 2025 as amended, seconded by Ms. Panté. The minutes of the September meeting were approved with an abstention, Mr. McMekin.

CORRESPONDENCE

An August 14, 2025 letter from Bayer-Risse Engineering, Inc. reported an application was made for a Treatment Works Approval permit on behalf of Borealis Compounds Inc. for changes to the septic system serving the MV Building. Environmental Commission members had no comments to the proposed changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pollinator Garden

Ms. Panté reported Mr. Jewell, Mr. McMekin, Ms. Todd and herself met September 27 at Cafferata Park to begin work on the pollinator garden. Mr. Jewell had brought his equipment to the site to prepare the ground and make it ready for seeding. The wildflower seeds for the garden were distributed throughout the site approved by the Township Committee; the mesh covering was put in place, and two 55-gallon tanks of water were emptied to encourage seed growth. Ms. Todd will bring the bill for the seeds to the November meeting for approval of payment.

Bluebird Trail

This is the end of another good breeding season; the boxes are looking good. Ms. Todd offered to learn about identification signs that could be erected at the Park.

It was MOVED by Ms. Todd to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth A. Panté, Secretary

Next meeting date:

November 13, 2025