Coolbaugh Township
Environmental Advisory Council

AGENDA March 25, 2026

6pm-7pm

Approval of minutes – last month, this month (5 minutes)

Tannery update

- Rules/Regulations: Janice (10 minutes)
- Don Miller: (10 minutes)

Mayfly project update (5 minutes)

- Standing committee
- Next steps

Story Walk planning – Wiley (10 minutes)

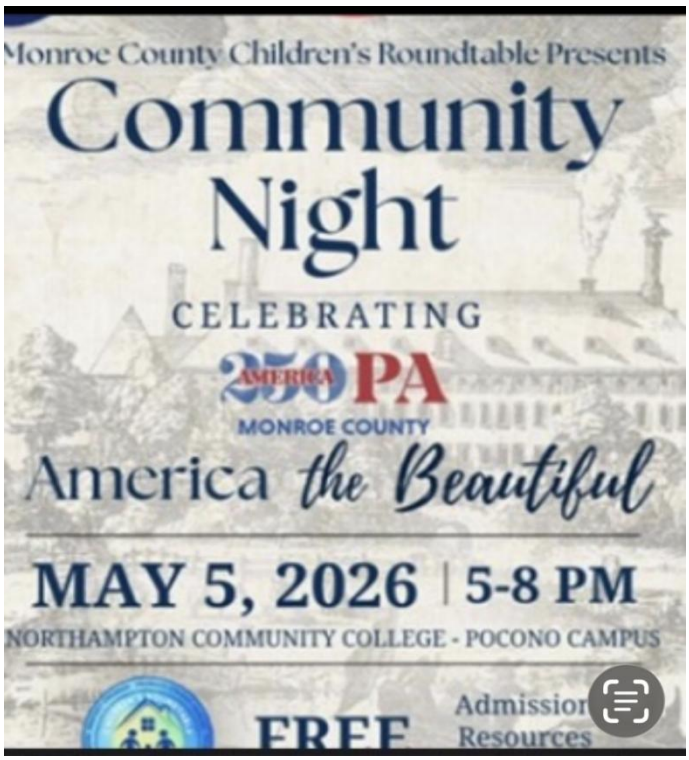
Community Involvement

- NCC Children's round table May 5th 5-8pm (Janice) see below (15 minutes)

We conserve PA meeting update: Joyce (5 minutes)

Coolbaugh Newsletter

New Business



Coolbaugh Township's Environmental Advisory Council (aka the EAC) meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month, at 6:00pm. We welcome interested Coolbaugh residents to join us as we discuss environmental projects and enhancements to the open spaces of the Township for the benefit of us all. We are currently working on several projects and seek resident involvement to help us move forward.

One project is the multi use mountain bike, walking and hiking trail at the Tannery which is one of the Township's Open Spaces. It is a 280 acre open space with a new mountain bike trail, waterfalls and streams running through it, as well as an abandoned orchard. Mountain bike volunteers cleared a bike/walking pathway last year. The parking lot has been recently upgraded by the Township and will soon sport new signage donated by Ivan Tulala, an EAC member. Ivan is again looking for volunteers this year to form a standing committee, expand access and keep the path cleared.

The Tannery Address isn't listed on Google, but 196 Kings Way, Coolbaugh Township PA 18466 will get you there. Some maps will list as Tobyhanna. Coming from Mt Pocono heading

north on Sterling Road/RT 196, turn right on Kings Way into Pocono Farms East, and look for the Monroe County Open Space sign and the newly built parking lot. It is very close to Pocono Farms East and is a perfect recreational spot for Pocono Farms East residents to enjoy.

If you would like to join this committee, please contact Ivan at ivantulala@yahoo.com. Once the snow melts and spring arrives, Ivan and his committee will again be active working on the trail.

Another project is the EAC's Water Quality Monitoring Project. Last year, working in partnership with the Tobyhanna Conservation Association, the Stroud Water Research Center in Avondale, and others, we purchased and installed two water quality monitoring devices called mayflies in separate locations in the Tobyhanna Creek. The devices monitor conductivity, depth,

temperature and a few other elements in real time, sending data every five minutes to a publicly available online database.

This year we've purchased an additional mayfly to bring our total to three and we are looking for interested residents to join the Mayfly sub-committee to assist us in monitoring, cleaning, and installation. If you are interested in becoming a part of this committee please contact Joyce Onsted, EAC chair, at jzonsted@ptd.net.