

Lower Gwynedd Township EAC Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2025, 7:00 PM

Township Building Conference Room

Members in Attendance:

Rea Monaghan, Vice Chair

Brenda Doll

Maureen Nunn

Marianne Grey

Bob Sawyer

Associate Members: Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski, Rich Valiga, Lisa Brown

Board of Supervisor Liaison: Tessie McNeely

Staff in Attendance: Sandi Feight, Recreation Director

1. Call to order: Ms. Monaghan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, noting Mark's absence due to a prior commitment. Vince Small introduced himself as the President for the Spring House Farm HOA community and expressed interest in tree issues. Mark Setman from the Ambler EAC introduced himself and mentioned his role in tree management.
2. Approval of July 9th, 2025, meeting minutes- Minutes were approved as presented.
3. New Business
 - a. Budget items – Ms. Feight discussed potential budget items for next year, including battery recycling, techno trash and the tree giveaway. Ms. Monaghan and Ms. Brown discussed the possibility of continuing composting and rain barrel programs. Ms. Doll mentioned the need for more bird-town signs. Ms. Feight stated that Mr. Schafer was looking into additional locations for stream crossing signs. Ms. Nunn suggested a lead paint detector as a give-away item, noting its approval from the EPA and plans to confirm its cost.
 - b. Fall Fest Saturday, September 13th – volunteers needed. Ms. Doll will setup a signup genius. Ms. Feight reminded everyone that the event goes until 6 p.m. Ms. Monaghan felt the need for a table theme, possible raffle and giveaways.
4. Committee Updates
 - a. Going Green Update – Ms. Doll & Ms. McNeely are going to submit a nomination for the WHS Environmental Club Pollinator Garden.
 - b. Tree give-away update – Ms. Feight discussed the logistics of the tree give-away, including the use of the registration software. Mr. Small inquired about the availability of trees for common spaces in the Spring House Farm community. Mr. Small inquired about planting trees in the HOA common space and his concern over pine trees along Norristown Rd and the area of trees the Township recently cleared. Ms. Feight advised to contact Public Works for tree planting in common spaces.

- c. Bird Town – Ms. Doll stated she had information from Mr. Saffier for the bird walks and members for the bird town committee.
 - d. Single Use Plastics/Restaurant Engagement – Ms. Feight will work with Ms. Burns to start building an education campaign to engage with the restaurants in reducing single-use plastics and alternatives.
- 5. MONTCO 2050 – Ms. Monaghan gave an update on the Montgomery County 2050 comprehensive plan.
- 6. Liaison Reports
 - a. Board of Supervisors – Ms. McNeely provided an update on the new Public Works building, including the need for net-zero energy practices. There was a discussion on the potential for geothermal heat and solar panels in the new building and for the public comment period and the importance of community engagement.
 - b. Planning Commission – Ms. Nunn stated there was no meeting.
 - c. Parks & Recreation - Ms. Feight provided an update on the Parks & Recreation activities including tree tagging and the registration software preparations. She also discussed the importance of outreach and education for the tree give-away programs. Ms. Feight mentioned ongoing efforts to update easement agreements for equestrian and pedestrian trails.
 - d. Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Valiga discussed the comprehensive plan for Lower Gwynedd, focusing on transportation and development concepts. There was a discussion on the potential for mixed-use developments and the need for affordable housing. Points of interest/General comments
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 - a. Ms. Monaghan announced the volunteer banquet scheduled for October 9th.
 - b. There was a discussion about the new contract with Republic Services, including adjustments and potential senior discounts. Ms. Feight stated she would check with Ms. Worman about planning a time for Republic to come out and speak.
 - c.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10th. Ms. Monaghan thanked the guests for attending and their contributions to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Next Monthly Meeting: September 10th, 2025