

Lower Gwynedd Township EAC Meeting Minutes

September 10th, 2025, 7:00 PM

Township Building Conference Room

Members in Attendance:

Mark Schafer, Chair

Rea Monaghan, Vice Chair

Maureen Nunn

Brenda Doll

Marianne Grey

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: Mr. Schafer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Approval of August 13, 2025, meeting minutes- Minutes were approved as presented.
3. Request to move items from Consent Agenda to Regular Agenda – Ms. Monaghan asked for the Ready for 100 documents to be added.
4. Approval of Regular Agenda – Mr. Schafer approved the agenda as presented
5. New Business:
 - a. Budget Items – There was a discussion regarding hosting a composting or rain barrel events. Adding more stream crossing signs in particular the Wissahickon Creek.
 - b. Fall Fest Saturday, September 13 – Ms. Doll asked for a volunteer for the middle of the day to man the EAC table.
 - c. Journeywork Pollinator Garden Donation – Paige Menton reached out to Ms. Feight about the township sponsoring 10 pollinator gardens again this year. It was agreed that the EAC would like to make a recommendation to the BOS to purchase 10 pollinator gardens for \$750.
6. Committee Updates
 - a. Going Green Update – Ms. Nunn stated that three nominees have been picked, we are in the process of setting up interview dates and times. Ms. Nunn will be reaching out to the EAC members who would like to participate.
 - b. Tree Giveaway Update – Ms. Feight stated that registration has started. The EAC will need to discuss in the coming months how to proceed with assisting Home Owner Associations in working with local nurseries or PHS to purchase trees for their open space properties.
 - c. Bird Town – New dates have been picked.

7. Single Use Plastic Waste – Business Engagement – Ms. Burns and Ms. Feight had met to discuss how to engage with the areas businesses and restaurants. Being able to provide businesses with alternatives and other options would be very beneficial and valuable. Ms. Burns, also discussed having all the restaurants partner and work with Back to Earth Composting as a once a week pickup.
8. Liaison Reports
 - a. Board of Supervisors – Ms. McNeely reported at the last Board of Supervisors meeting a developer was in to discuss a new development at Bethlehem Pike and Cedar Hill Road. She stated she suggested to the developers that they consider sustainable building practices and look at the incentives. It was also suggested that the EAC compile recommendations for sustainable building practices and clean energy and draft a change to their ordinance to enable input on building plans.
 - b. Planning Commission – Ms. Nun stated that J&J was in to discuss a new lab in their facility.
 - c. Parks & Recreation – Ms. Feight stated that they did not meet in August
 - d. Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Valiga is not present
9. Points of interest/General comments
 - a. RF100 – Ms. Monaghan started working on a document with basic guidelines for sustainable building practices and clean energy. She also put together a draft schematic of the new Public Works building. Ms. Monaghan asked if the EAC could compile something and make a recommendation to the BOS before it gets to final development. It was also suggested at looking at the US Green Building Council's guidelines for sustainable practices.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Upcoming Dates:

Volunteer Banquet, Thursday, October 9th

Next Monthly Meeting: October 8th, 2025