

Lower Gwynedd Township EAC Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026, 7:00 PM

Township Building Conference Room

Members in Attendance: Robert Sawyer

Rea Monaghan Brenda Doll

Maureen Nunn Karleigh Burns

Associate Members: Steve Shaffier

Public in Attendance: Marianne Grey

Board of Supervisor Liaison: Andrea Brockway and Mike Twersky

Staff in Attendance: Mimi Gleason, Township Manager and Morgan High Program Director

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2025

Call to Order

Ms. Gleason called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She introduced Andrea Brockway, the new Supervisor and EAC Liaison, and Morgan High, Program Director.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Sawyer was elected as Chair and Ms. Monaghan was elected as Vice Chair

Approval of Minutes

The November 12, 2025 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Discussion: 2026 EAC Work Plan – Requested Projects from BOS

Mr. Twersky noted that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the EAC held several joint meetings in 2024 and 2025 to collaboratively develop the listed initiatives. These represent the Board's priorities for 2026 and outline the areas of focus for the EAC.

Mr. Twersky also recognized the EAC's past accomplishments, including the Going Green Award, Tree Giveaway, and Bird Walks.

Communications

Mr. Twersky emphasized that all EAC communications must be routed through the Township in accordance with Right-to-Know requirements.

Ms. Gleason raised concerns regarding an EAC Gmail account and Google Drive that are not administered by Lower Gwynedd Township.

Ms. High will revisit SharePoint to determine a more effective document-sharing solution. She will also provide a report at the next meeting identifying all email accounts and drives containing EAC materials that are not officially associated with the Township. Ms. High should be copied on all internal EAC communications.

The EAC will continue to educate residents through social media posts and newsletters. All communications and content ideas should be submitted to Ms. High for posting.

2026 Initiatives

1. Native Tree Giveaway

The EAC will continue hosting the annual Native Tree Giveaway to educate residents on the benefits of native species and contribute to the Township's tree canopy.

Ms. Doll suggested Saturday, October 3, 2026 as the event date and will work backward to determine ordering timelines and availability. Ms. Doll will serve as lead for this initiative.

2. Recycling Drives & Special Collections

The EAC will continue promoting recycling drives for batteries (if available), techno trash, holiday lights, electronics, and other materials not permitted in residential recycling bins.

- The Township will host a shredding and E-cycling event on October 23, 2026 at the Township Building.
- A One-Stop E-Waste donation event, in partnership with Goodwill, will be held on June 6, 2026 in the Township parking lot.
- Ms. High is researching vendors that can collect both techno trash and batteries and will report back at the next meeting.
- Ms. Doll noted that Staples accepts batteries.

- Montgomery County will release dates and locations for Hazardous Waste Collections in March. The Township will promote this information.

3. **Going Green Award**

The EAC will continue recognizing exemplary sustainability initiatives through the Going Green Award program.

4. **Earth Day Programming**

The EAC will coordinate Earth Day programming with the Parks & Recreation Board.

- The Parks & Recreation Board is hosting an Earth Day event on April 18 with Harth Builders, during which residents can build birdhouses.
- This initiative supports Lower Gwynedd's Bird Town designation.
- Ms. Doll suggested that the EAC could possibly host a table at the event to promote the EAC and Bird Town initiatives.

5. **Plastic Bag Reduction Initiative**

Mr. Twersky acknowledged the EAC's thoughtful approach to a plastic bag reduction strategy that considers both environmental goals and practical business realities.

The next step involves outreach to Giant, CVS, and Wawa regarding plastic bag use and potential alternatives.

Mr. Sawyer noted that the EAC had understood Township staff would initiate contact. Ms. Gleason clarified that the Township's understanding was that the EAC would lead outreach efforts. The Township will provide contact information for local management at each business so the EAC may proceed directly.

6. **Rain Barrel & Composting Programs**

The EAC will continue hosting rain barrel and composting bin giveaways in alternating years.

Ms. Monaghan organizes these educational programs, which include instructional workshops and workstations. Residents are educated on installation and proper use. The EAC requested photos of residents installing rain barrels for documentation purposes.

Since the most recent event focused on composting, Ms. Monaghan recommended hosting a Rain Barrel program in 2026. She will gather pricing and additional details.

7. Availability of Green Energy Options

The EAC to research and provide articles to the Township on this topic for the Township to distribute

8. Options to Reduce Waste and Recycle Responsibly

EAC to research and provide articles to the Township on this topic for the Township to distribute

9. Bird Town & Bird Walks

The EAC will continue supporting bird walks and related programming in alignment with Lower Gwynedd's Bird Town status.

Bird Town flyers have been included in the Spring newsletter and promoted on social media.

The Game Commission is offering Purple Martin houses, large pole-mounted structures approximately 20 feet tall placed in open fields. The Commission will assess and recommend appropriate locations. Public Works would be responsible for installing the pole.

10. Land Management & Sustainability Practices

The EAC will work with Public Works to explore sustainable land management practices, including:

- No-mow areas
- Volunteer events for invasive species removal
- Native plant restoration projects

Ms. Doll noted pink markings on trees along the Trewellyn Trail. Ms. Gleason will investigate whether these markings are related to new property ownership and potential development.

Mr. Twersky encouraged members to develop and narrow down specific proposals before engaging Public Works regarding no-mow zones and pollinator gardens.

The Township currently maintains a pollinator garden at Oxford Park.

Liaison Reports

Board of Supervisors

No report.

Planning Commission

Ms. Nunn provided an update on proposed townhouse development on North Bethlehem Pike.

Parks & Recreation Board

No report.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2026