

Doylestown Township EAC Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025 @ 7 PM

Attendees: In person: Andrea Mergner, Staff Liaison, Judy Dixon, Board Liaison, Heidi Shiver, Chair, Erich Neal; virtually: Marcello Mangano and Chad Clem. Guests: Michele Engelbert and Gianina Nixon.

- I. **Welcome:** Heidi welcomed everyone, who introduced themselves to our guests.
 - II. **Public Comment: none**
 - III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – July 8, 2025 – Heidi mentioned that the Bird Safe Doylestown Presentation information needs to be added. A motion was made by Heidi to accept the minutes with these changes, seconded by Erich and the motion carried.
 - IV. **Budget Review:** Heidi noted that no transaction took place and from our \$6000 budget, \$4646.76 remains.
- I. **Old Business**
- a. Open EAC position: We now have 2 opening since sadly Jeff Cogshall resigned unexpectedly, and we wish him well. Gianina, who was in attendance, has applied.
- II. **New Business - none**
- III. **Ongoing Business**
- a. Presentations: Bird Safe Doylestown and Westwyk: Heidi reported that 12 have registered for the in-person event on Aug. 21 @ 7 PM at the township bldg. We discussed the preparations still needed. Also, Westwyk HOA has requested another presentation regarding the Bird Town program, local birds, migration patterns, bird calls, and the neighborhood application. Steve Saffier plans to provide the presentation. They're working on a date and will be back in touch after their meeting on 8/18.
 - b. Climate Action Plan Resources Framework- Curt was absent and Heidi will circle back to discuss further.
 - c. Native Plant Demo and Water Basin Garden Updates: Chad shared that Alice and Chris managed the clean-up with 6 volunteers. They have planted 75% of the plugs so far and Alice has been watering daily and spraying deer scam to keep the deer and rabbits at bay. The Water Basin team hasn't been able to meet due to thunderstorms and heat.
 - d. Heritage Tree Program and Shade Tree Commission Updates: Marcello shared that it's been quiet and nothing to report. Marcello also shared that the EAC tabling at the concert on August 6 was successful with engagement with at least 100 people. Many had interest in the free milkweed seeds. Andrea noted that we need to order more packets.

- e. Bird Town PA and YMCA Demo Garden Updates : Heidi shared the scouts YMCA native plant garden sign, which was homemade, which needs to be made into a permanent sign. Andrea agreed to work with Heidi to design the sign. Heidi asked the EAC members to read the verbiage that the scouts wrote. Also, Heidi reported that Stefan from the PA Game Commission delivered their Purple Martin Condo today, meeting with Chris Mason to discuss installation. Andrea asked that Heidi share the locations of the Purple Martin Condo and Chimney Swift tower with Blythe and the Parks and Rec Board. Heidi requested that we apply for the Bucks Beautiful Community Grant, due 8/31/25 to replace dead spruce that were removed from the Sandy Ridge Water Basin. A motion was made by Heidi for up to \$1000 to be matched if we receive the grant for the purchase of these trees, seconded by Erich and the motion carried. She also shared about the mowing being done inside the fenced area of the basin by a neighbor and Andrea would look into it.
- f. Native Plant Garden Guidance update: There were no updates.
- g. Floating Garden plan: Erich reviewed his plan of constructing 3 floating island gardens at 20' circumferences for the basin across from the native plant demo garden. After discussion, a motion was made to build only 1 at this time at the cost of \$700 by Erich, seconded by Marcello and the motion carried.
- h. Andrea shared the township purchased a new EV – silver blue Chevy Equinox to be used as an administrative vehicle!

IV. Adjournment. Erich made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Heidi and the motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM