

Doylestown Township EAC Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025 @ 7 PM

Attendees: In person: Stephanie Mason, Staff Liaison, Barbara Lyons, Board Liaison, Heidi Shiver, Chair, Erich Neal and Chad Clem, Curt Sawyer. Guests: Gianina Nixon, Amy Cosdan, Michelle Englebert.

- I. **Welcome:** Heidi welcomed everyone, who introduced themselves to our guests.
- II. **Public Comment: None**
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – July 8, 2025 – Chad moved & Curt seconded - Passed
- IV. **Budget Review:** Heidi noted that no transaction took place and from our \$6000 budget, \$4481.76 remains.

I. Old Business

- a. Open EAC position
 - i. Giannina Nixon & Michelle E. both applied for the 2 open positions.
- b. Bucks Beautiful Grant for Water Basin plantings
 - i. Seeking \$750 matching grant from Bucks Beautiful for Sandy Ridge Basin for trees and shrubs for that location
 - 1. TBD on the announcement of the grant Timing
- c. Land Ethics Symposium Summary - Chad

II. New Business -

- a. Case Studies Needed of communities using motion detectors/timers on street lighting
 - i. Heidi created a shared file on the EAC Google Drive for members to add information
 - 1. Curt offered to assist with Heidi and Erich to create a subcommittee.
 - 2. Goal would be to presented to the BOD by Spring 2026
 - a. Street lights on state roads can't be motion sensors but lighting on commercial development and private buildings.
 - b. Any EAC recommendations will need to route through the planning commission
- b. Purchasing more seed packets and EAC cloth bags for tabling events
 - i. Seed packs were inexpensive
 - 1. Chad to explore seed options
 - ii. Cloth bags were \$500 for 100
 - 1. Stephanie mentioned looking at evaluating the bags that the TWP had used previously

- Curt will explore

III. Ongoing Business

- a. Native Plant Demo and Water Basin Garden Updates
 - i. Chad reported 5 volunteers at the past workday & installed approximately 150 plugs
 - ii. A small subteam will meet at the demonstration garden on Friday September 12 to evaluate lifting the canopy of the demo garden
- b. Floating Garden Update
 - i. Meeting on Saturday September 13 at 2:00 PM meeting at the Central Park Pond area to launch the larger floating island
 1. Heidi will bring snacks
- c. Climate Action Plan - Resources Framework; Solar Field Study;
 - i. Solar Field Study - evaluated a ground mounted solar field - due to federal government changes the study will need to be reevaluated
 1. Almshouse Rd - adjacent to the dog park - a large county-owned field
 - a. TWP has 25-year lease on the property
 - b. Any TWP installations on the property require advanced planning and approvals
 - TWP has locked in electric through 2027 at a very good rate
 - EAC wants to have a plan to switch before the new rate locks in
- d. Community Energy Workshop 9/18 - Honey Hollow
 - i. Curt will attend on behalf of the EAC - Heidi will share information
- e. Heritage Tree Program and Shade Tree Commission Updates
 - i. No requests - No updates
- f. Bird Town PA: Bird Safe Doylestown, Westwyk Presentation, Bird Walks
 - i. Small team evaluating bird collisions around Justice Center/Courthouse in Doylestown Borough
 - ii. Westwyk HOA requested another Bird Town presentation on Oct 8
 - iii. Bird Walks - Saturday 9/13 & 10/11
 - iv. October 11 Native Plant Sale - Heidi will need some help loading/unloading plants
 1. Chad & Erich (tentative) will volunteer

- v. Chimney Swift - located between Kestrel box and Bird Town pavilion and Purple Martin condo will be located in the disc golf field
 - Heidi will follow-up on timing
- W. YMCA girl scout bird town garden signage - Heidi is working with Andrea.
- g. Native Plant Garden Guidance update
 - i. 4 residents have requested

IV. Adjournment. Chad moved to adjourn and Curt seconded.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM