

Doylestown Township EAC Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2025 @ 7 PM

Attendees: In person: Andrea Mergner, Staff Liaison, Judy Dixon, Board Liaison, Heidi Shiver, Chair, Erich Neal and Chad Clem, Curt Sawyer, Gianina Nixon, Michele Englebert.

- I. **Welcome:** Heidi welcomed everyone and congratulated Gianina and Michele as our new members of the EAC! Marcello brought treats to celebrate as well.
 - II. **Public Comment: None**
 - III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes –September 9, 2025** were approved unanimously after a motion was made by Curt and seconded by Marcello to accept them.
 - IV. **Budget Review:** After reviewing, we have a total of \$3882.70 remaining for the year. We still need \$735 to cover the grant match for Bucks Beautiful, ~ \$300 for YMCA sign, ~\$100-200 for seed packets,, ~ \$500 for cloth bags, \$800 for Chad’s grant (~\$2535 left in expenses at this point)
- I. Old Business
 - A. Purchasing more seed packets and EAC cloth bags for tabling events
 1. Curt will continue to work on this with Andrea.
 2. Chad to look into American Meadows or other option for pre-made seed packs
 - a) EAC did not want to fill the seed packs
 - B. Awarded Bucks Beautiful Fall Grant!! Next Steps
 1. \$735 matching grant (EAC will put up \$735)
 2. Heidi has a plant list from Gino’s that totals \$1463
 - a) Plants to be installed at the Sandy Ridge/Ash Way basin starting 10/18 and thanks to Erich for offering help
 - I. **New Business -**
 - a. Pine Run Community Green Study Group Presentation Request
 - i. Pine Run would like to learn more about the EAC on January 15 1:00 PM
 1. Curt & Judy will provide a presentation and Heidi will confirm and forward to them the email.
 - b. Recognizing Marty Brooks with Tree Planting
 - i. Marty Brooks passed away recently
 - ii. He was a long standing member of the EAC
 - iii. Fund has been created for donations toward tree planting
- II. **Ongoing Business**
 - a. Review Strategic Plan

- i. Heidi updated the strategic plan and any additional changes should be sent to Curt.
 - ii. New members will look at topics that interest them
 - iii. Add New Castle Park as a potential candidate for the Penn State Watershed Friendly Program.
- b. Native Plant Demo and Water Basin Garden Updates
 - i. 12 volunteers at the last workday
 - ii. Suggested to have a booklet/plant inventory - QR code
 - iii. Suggested to highlight the Native Demo garden video
 - iv. Shared drive to upload the videos for TAB to splice together
 - 1. Chad to take B-roll in the fall and again in the spring 2026
- c. Floating Garden Update
 - i. Erich installed a new larger floating island
 - ii. Heidi will send the video to Andrea to post on the website
 - iii. Erich would like to install 6 large floating islands in addition to the 3 small islands and 1 large floating
 - iv. Andrea requested that all grant applications be requested through her
 - v. Table decision to next month - Erich will provide more information and updated draft
- d. Subcommittee for Addressing Street Lighting
 - i. Curt, Gianina and Erich will meet as a subcommittee - Erich to coordinate
- e. Climate Action Plan - Resources Framework; Solar Field Study;
 - i. Curt put together a framework for the Climate Action Plan Website Resources
 - ii. Team will need to volunteer to help populate the Website Resources
 - 1. The information needs to be designed to be "evergreen" - doesn't require frequent updating
 - iii. Curt requested the Constellation agreement to assess the solar viability
- f. Heritage Tree Program and Shade Tree Commission Updates
 - i. No updates
- g. Bird Town PA: Bird Safe Doylestown, Westwyk Presentation, Bird Walks, YMCA Signage
 - i. 30 attendees at Westwyk presentation
 - ii. Bird walk on world migratory day only had 2 attendees

iv. Native Plant Sale - Sold 24 plants

iii. YMCA signage - Heidi and Andea will work on webpage. Heidi will check with Chad for plant images for plant list.

1. \$300 - will request some money from the girl scouts to help support

h. Native Plant Garden Guidance update

i. 6 homeowners have requested thus far

ii. Marcello is trying to get homeowners to

iii. Chad to put together the shared file to capture all the homeowners information

III. Adjournment: Heidi motioned and Marcello seconded and the motion carried.

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