



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC)

DATE:	APRIL 7, 2026	TIME:	7:00 PM	LOCATION:	DoylestownTWP Building
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ATTENDEES

- Chad Clem, Chair
- Marcello Mangano, Vice Chair
- Erich Neal
- Gianina Nixon
- Dan Ford
- Michele Engelbert, Secretary
- Judy Dixon (BOS Liaison)
- Andrea Mergner (TWP Liaison)
- GUEST: Grant Rowe (Borough Sustainability Coordinator)
- GUEST: Jim Baldassare (solar advocate)
- GUEST: Erik Silldorff (TWP resident)

EAC MEETING MINUTES

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Upon motion by Marcello, seconded by Gianina, the March 10, 2026, minutes, unanimously approved.

Solar Feasibility for TWP - Jim B.

- Climate Action Plan - bring solar electric power to the Township
- PA Solar Center - did an analysis on ways for Township to bring solar back when DTWP passed the Climate Action Plan a couple of years ago, assumptions used are no longer up to date
 - Jim has gone to PA Solar center, is bringing new electric usage data to have them update their assumptions, to confirm solar energy is viable and cost effective for Townships.
 - E.g. exploring feasibility ground mounted array next to the dog park, to be close to a meter
 - Next step - update BOS, continue analysis through PA Solar Center and potentially other third parties
 - Jim B is looking for an EAC volunteer that he can work with that is interested in broadening their knowledge of solar.

Summer Concert Series Tabling & Nature Walks

- Marcello, Erich, Michele, Gianina to table and lead nature walk at the concert on 6/17

Doylestown Borough Sustainability Coordinator Overview

- New Role in the Doylestown Borough, started June 2025
- Works on:
 - Solar PECO rebate
 - The Borough's recently adopted Climate Action Plan
 - EV chargers, associated taxes
 - Education and workshops
 - Applies to grants
- Grant is Liaison Shade Tree Commission and Borough EAC
- Similar role in Solebury Township - Kate was inspiration for the Borough adding this role
- Discussed EAC's interest in a position like this in the Township given EAC's turnover and capability to keep CAP work going

Joint Action with Doylestown Borough EAC

- Earth Day Event - April 25 - 10-1 Broad Commons Park
 - Michele, Gianina, Dan tabling - need to bring own table and chairs
- Earth Day Event - 2027

- Potentially a larger event next year, Grant is planning, could be located in the Township, DTWP EAC is interested in being involved or potentially hosting
- Monthly EAC Tabling at Farmers Market - 3rd Saturday of every month
 - Starts April 16 but don't start tabling until May
 - Tabling is possible - May 16, June 20, July 18, skip August, September 19, October 17, November 21st
 - Could be before an event we host so we can invite residents
 - DTWP EAC will attend the Farmer's Market on May 16th, do not need to bring a table.
 - Chad, Michele, and potentially Gianina
 - Idea: Host a Caterpillar Screening May 24th at the Borough Hall OR at the museum (caterpillar exhibit), could invite residents at Farmer's Market on May 16
- EAC Summit
 - Grant R. is open to running a regional EAC summit
 - Discussed that Fall 2026 to be good timing
 - Grant R. going to get planning started, Michele volunteered to help liaise

Arbor Day Tree Planting/Earth Week Event - April 18, 9am-11am

- Marcello and Chad to attend
- 5 trees to plant at the cornhole area
- Judy to do proclamation and snap a photo
- Upon motion by Marcello, seconded by Erich, motion to spend \$100 on Arbor Day snacks.

Marty Brooks Memorial Planting - May TBD

Floating Islands

- Education is needed on what the floating gardens are
- Erich is thinking on a potential sign, or flyer
- Erich applying in May for additional funding, will also ask for money for a sign

Native Garden Guidance Update - Marcello updated about recent visits

Newsletter - going to talk about an idea for a write-up in May EAC meeting

Bird Town update - sent via email (Heidi is not present)

- The purple martin condo has been installed and is now being monitored by Karin Isett
- The chimney swift tower has been built and will be installed in the next couple of weeks.
- Our nest boxes are now being monitored, and we have 2 new volunteers helping.
- Andrea has been working with the YMCA to schedule an unveiling and photo opportunity for the bird-friendly garden that we worked on with a local girl scout troop for April 29th or early May - all of you are invited and I'll keep you posted on the final date.
- Andrea printed the cat brochures, and they will be distributed to our local vet offices in the coming weeks.
- I've sent several infographics and a short article about the purple martin condo posted in the weekly E-News and our Township's FB page.
- Upcoming presentation on April 11 is in collaboration with Doylestown Boro's Bird Town and a brand-new Bird Town, New Britain Township. Also, Bucks Co. Birders have done a great job in getting the word out about the event.

E-News - Lighting & Adopt a Street Program

Upon motion by Marcello, seconded by Michele, this meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 5, 2026