

**Doylestown Township**  
**Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)**  
December 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Present: Heidi Shiver, Michele Engelbert, Gianina Nixon, Erich Neal, Marcello Mangano, Judy Dixon (Board Liason), Andrea Mergner (Staff Liason)

- Welcome
- Public Comment: None
  
- Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2025
  - Chad moved and Erich seconded - PASSED
  
- Budget Review
  - \$2712.70 Remaining
    - Does NOT included YMCA/Bird Town Signage or the seed packs for tabling (\$1869.79 remaining)
    - Grants Received \$1865
    - Heidi requested that the funds roll over to 2026 to cover future projects
      - Deer Study
      - Floating Island Study
      - Continued Native Demo
      - Motion to carry over \$1500 for projects next year - seconded by Erich - PASSED
  
- Old Business
  - Item give-aways for tabling events
    - Postcards were suggested to have native plants/trees/etc.
      - Bookmark - something reusable?
      - Will look to design and purchase in 2026
  - EAC Fall Gathering Summary - Michele
    - Michele recapped her experience at the gathering
      - Recycling
      - Landsdale Light Ordinance
      - Native Species Day - PA Gov designation
      - Naturalized Landscape ordinance - We Conserve PA
        - Doylestown TWP has some language about this in their zoning
        - Sinclair is open to meeting with EAC about TWP ordinances
      - Community Collection Events
      - Library of Things
      - Repair Cafe - Volunteer Fixers - Phoenixville
      - Recycling Center Tour

- Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ordinance - Phased Roll Out - Lower Marion TWP
  - Composting Pilot - Lower Marion TWP
- Parks and Rec Santa Event Prep for EAC participation: Dec. 13 from 1-4
  - Erich, Michele, Gianina, Chad
    - Michele will purchase snacks
    - Group will utilize Bird ID game
- New Business
  - Council Election for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary
    - Heidi nominated Chad as Chair - Marcello seconded - PASSED
    - Heidi nominated Marcello as Vice Chair - Michele seconded - PASSED
    - Heidi nominated Michele as Secretary - Marcello seconded - PASSED
    - Chad nominated Heidi as Associate Member - Marcello seconded - PASSED
  - Newsletter articles – due to January 5th
    - Chad suggested writing an article about gravel gardening
    - Chad will provide a ‘Save the Date’ for the Designed for Nature Garden Tour
    - Andrea will work with the intern to pull the EAC articles
  - New shirts and badges – vote needed for purchase
    - Andrea will design new EAC name badges for all members
    - Team agreed to table discussion on the shirts to the next meeting
  - Tentative EAC meeting dates: 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/7, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8
    - April – Meeting will be held on the first Tuesday 4/7 due to the BOS meeting moved to 4/14 due to PSATS
    - May – Meeting will be held on the first Tuesday 5/5 due to BOS meeting moved to 5/5 due to Primary Election Day Ongoing Business
      - Heidi moved to approve - Chad seconded - PASSED
  - Native Plant Demo Update - Chad
    - Final garden workday for the year in November had 5 volunteers
      - Will resume workdays in March
  - Subcommittee for addressing street lighting update, Erich, Michele and Curt
    - Andrea will work with Stephanie to get this onto the agenda for Feb 17 meeting
      - Erich will make public comment for the January meeting (3rd Tuesday of the month)

- Breaking out into 3 parts for a presentation to the BOS
  - The Harm
  - Ordinances in similar sized communities
  - Recommendations
    - Erich met with Sinclair on the current ordinances and he was supportive
    - Erich is going to work on a draft of the ordinance
      - Judy mentioned that BOS usually need multiple meetings to review and make rulings on new ordinances so EAC should plan on attending multiple meetings
- Addressing Pesticides - Gianina
  - Pesticides being sprayed on ball fields, roadways and recreational areas
    - TWP signage was produced to notify public of the spraying for 10 days after spraying
    - Gianina suggested engaging with the public for a garden tour or work with existing garden tours to amplify their efforts
      - Woman's National Farm and Garden Designed for Nature
        - Chad - to send Andrea a graphic for the 2026 tour
- Climate Action Plan Update
  - Team to review and provide comments to Andrea
  - Andrea said that the TWP and the Borough plans align with one another
- Heritage Tree Program and Shade Tree Commission Updates - Marcello
  - Marcello will work with Andrea to create a Native Plant of the Month to post on the EAC Website
- Bird Town PA Update: YMCA bird-friendly garden sign, webpage; CBC, events - Heidi
  - YMCA bird signage completed - 8" x 14"
    - Order the signage for \$500 Heidi motioned - Erich seconded - PASSED
    - Christmas Bird Count
    - Bird Town will be requesting volunteers for their committee
    - Continued Work on Annual Report
- Native Plant Garden Guidance update – Marcello and Chad
  - 2 Individuals reached out and were deferred to the spring
  - 8-10 total for the year

Adjournment - Heidi motioned - Erich seconded - PASSED

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, at 7:00 PM