



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC)

DATE:	May 5, 2026	TIME:	7:00 PM	LOCATION:	DoylestownTWP Building
--------------	-------------	--------------	---------	------------------	------------------------

ATTENDEES

- Marcello Mangano, Vice Chair
- Erich Neal
- Gianina Nixon
- Dan Ford
- Michele Engelbert, Secretary
- Erik Silldorff
- Judy Dixon (BOS Liaison)
- Stephanie Mason (TWP Liaison)
- Nicole Zebrowski (Guest)
- Karen Zebrowski (Guest)

EAC MEETING MINUTES

+++++

Upon motion by Erik, seconded by Erich, the April 7, 2026 minutes, unanimously approved.

- Budget
 - Marcello has submitted receipt for Arbor Day snacks
 - Erich is applying for Floating Gardens grant (~\$1,500, will be matched)
- New Pollinator Box - Backyard Buzz
 - Donating a box to create a bee habitat for Mason bees (don't sting), may be leafcutter bees, might be some small carpenter bees
 - Would be an educational piece, Marcello suggested a QR code
 - Nicki could provide a pole for it go on
 - Nikki would replace the internal pieces annually, and would harvest the bees (stores bee cocoons over the winter, brings them back in the spring)
 - Upon motion by Erik, seconded by Michele, approved to install pollinator box at the Native Garden in Central Park
 - Can site select during a Native Garden clean up day
- Doug Tallamy "Natures Best Hope" Film - Washington Crossing - Tabling Opportunity - May 20
 - Erik S. and Erich will attend
 - Special screening of renowned entomologist and New York Times bestselling author Doug Tallamy's presentation, Nature's Best Hope
 - Wednesday, May 20, 6:30–9:00 PM, Washington Crossing Historic Park Visitor Center
- Farmers Market Tabling Opportunity - Saturday, July 18
 - Gianina and Michele will attend
- EAC Summit - Borough EAC would like to target February 2027
 - No new details at this time, Michele to assist Grant with planning
- Joint EAC Film/Speaker - Fall 2026
 - Erich is going to do some research to see if any Dark Skies film could work
- Earth Day Recap - Doylestown Borough Earth Day Event
 - Gianina shared spoke with a resident about pesticides, EAC would like to do education on how to have a lawn without pesticides and herbicides, alternate solutions
 - A future thought - education around converting lawns. Native Plant Guidance visits to include lawn guidance? Overhead imagery showing land conversion over the years?
- Arbor Day Recap
 - Great turnout. ~60 people planted trees by cornhole
- Summer Concert Series EAC Tabling and Nature Walks - June 17

- Marcello and Michele to table
- Subcommittee for street light pollution
 - Will present progress to EAC in next meeting
- Marty Brooks Memorial Planting - Sunday, May 31 (hours have not been determined)
 - Ask Chad invite volunteers from the Arbor Day
 - Subaru employees to help
 - Chad will be there
- Native Garden Guidance Update
 - Marcello is still visiting homes, program is popular
- Bowman's Ecological Stewardship Award
 - App due May 15, Marcello going to apply
 - Upon motion by Marcello, seconded by Erich, motion to apply
 - Awards are presented at the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve's Native Plant Conference: Cultivating Ecological Stewardship 2026 - Friday, June 12
 - Upon motion by Marcello, seconded by Dan, motion to use EAC budget for up to two tickets
- Native Plant of the Month & EAC Website
 - Marcello submitted through September
- Summer Newsletter - Pesticides
 - Pesticide article submitted by Gianina

Bird Town update - sent via email (Heidi not present)
 Doylestown Township Bird Town PA Report May 2026

1. I organized a Bluebird Presentation led by Nancy Fraim, Chester Co. Coordinator and it was held on April 11. It was well attended – about 30 and lots of questions and engagement. Thank you to Andrea for having the AV and room set up!
2. Purple Martin Condo completed and being monitored by Karin Isett. There was an issue with a pair of Tree Swallows using the condos, so John and I installed a new nesting box which was erected 30 feet away, as advised by the PA Game Commission. The swallows immediately moved to it.
3. The Chimney Swift tower was built and installed by Chris and his staff. A huge thank you to them for thoughtfully reinforcing the structure and providing a concrete base and to the township staff for all the support of these projects!
4. I wrote and shared an article and infographics in the township's eNewsletter about the purple martin condos and chimney swift towers. Another article will be shared in the eNewsletter about the chimney swifts soon.
5. I held a short presentation about the Bird Habitat Recognition Program and tabled at Westwyk HOA's movie event The Extraordinary Caterpillar, on April 29 th . It was attended by 20 residents and lots of great questions.
6. I've been working with Andrea and the YMCA for an unveiling of the educational signage for the native plant demo garden. The girl scout troop plans to attend. It will take place on May 9 th at 12 PM. All are welcome. A big thank you to Andrea for helping to create it! John weeded last week.
7. Our first Family and Community Bird Walk to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day will take place this Saturday, May 9 starting at 8:30 AM meeting in front of the rec center. The flyer has been advertised in the township's eNewsletter and Bucks Co. Birders have been advertising about it as well.
8. I'm organizing our Bucks Bird Town Clutch in-person meeting which will be held June 7 @ 2 PM at Peace Valley Nature Center and will be learning more about their window retrofit project to address Bird Window Collision as well as the work being recommended at the Boro's Justice Center by Bucks Co. Birders.

Upon motion by Gianina, seconded by Erich this meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Tuesday, June 9, 2026