

Lower Gwynedd Township EAC Meeting Agenda

July 9, 2025, 7:00 PM

Township Building Conference Room

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1. Call to order
2. Approval of May 14, 2025 meeting minutes
3. Request to move items from Consent Agenda to Regular Agenda, add additional items as part of the Regular Agenda
4. Approval of Regular Agenda
5. Forest Evaluation and Strategic Management Plan – Gilmore & Associates
6. New Business:
 - a. Battery & Techno Trash Collection Updates
 - i. Next Date: Saturday, July 12 – Final Battery collection until further notice
7. Old Business
 - a. Update: “Birds and Brews: What is a Forest?”
 - b. Program Handbook Update
8. Committee Updates
 - a. Going Green Update
 - i. August 31, Going Green Submission Deadline
 - ii. September 1-October 31, Review of Going Green Submission
 - iii. November 12, Going Green Top 3 Candidates Presented to EAC for Voting
 - b. Tree Giveaway Update
 - i. Registration opens for Tree Giveaway, September 1
 - ii. Giveaway, Saturday, October 4
 - c. Bird Town
9. Single Use Plastic Waste
 - a. Next Steps
10. Liaison Reports
 - a. Board of Supervisors
 - b. Parks & Recreation
 - c. Comprehensive Plan
11. Points of interest/General comments

Upcoming Dates:

Volunteer Banquet, Thursday, October 9

Next Monthly Meeting: August 13, 2025

Lower Gwynedd Township EAC Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2025, 7:00 PM

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Members in Attendance:

Mark Schafer, Chair

Brenda Doll

Rea Monaghan, Vice Chair

Karleigh Burns

Maureen Nunn

Marianne Grey

Bob Sawyer

Associate Members: Lisa Brown (Zoom), Steve Saffier

Board of Supervisor Liaison: Danielle Duckett, Tessie McNeely

Staff in Attendance: Sandi Feight, Recreation Director & Mimi Gleason, Township Manager

1. Call to order: Mr. Schafer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, everyone introduced themselves & Mark thanked everyone for volunteering their time with the EAC.
2. Introduction of New Members: Karleigh Burns introduced herself, mentioning her background in natural resources and spoke a little about her family. Bob Sawyer introduced himself, spoke about his family & highlighted his background in commercial construction and project management.
3. Approval of March 2025 meeting minutes – approved as presented.
4. Request to move items from Consent Agenda to Regular Agenda, add additional items as part of the Regular Agenda – Maureen requested the Going Green Award be added to the regular agenda and Brenda asked when the Tree Give Away is (10/4)
5. Approval of Regular Agenda – Approved.
6. New Business
 - a. No Meeting June 11th
7. Old Business
 - a. “Birds and Brews: What is a Forest?” with Author Ethan Tapper, at the John James Audubon Center, June 12th, 6 p.m. Sponsorship with Wissahickon Trails and local EACs. – EAC will be participating in the “Birds and Brews: What is a Forest?” The Township is a partner of this program and the EAC will be permitted to have an information table. Sandi will send out the flyer for those interested in attending to register.
 - b. Follow-up to Shady Grove Elementary Science Night - Lisa and Suzanne attended the event. Lisa said they had a lot of participation from the kids. Mark thanked them for going.

- c. Follow-up to Wissahickon Trail Creek Clean Up with Parks & Recreation Board – Members from both the EAC & P&R Board participated, it was a lovely event.
 - d. Bird Town Update – Steve discussed the Bird Town program mentioning the need for committee members and outside help. Mimi and Tessie discussed the legal relationship between Bird Town and the township. Tessie suggests announcing the need for volunteers on the townships Instagram and website. Mark suggests forming a subcommittee within the EAC to run the Bird Town program. Sandi suggested a meeting with Steve to discuss the activity goals from Bird Town.
8. Single Use Plastic Waste Reduction Open House Follow Up
- a. EAC Member Feedback – Members discussed the feedback from the open house on single use plastics.
 - b. Results of event survey – The open house was well attended, and most people were on board for the banning of single use plastics in the township. Some of the survey comments pertained to issues outside of the township’s jurisdiction, such as wrapping for large companies. Maureen discussed the concern from business owners about bag fees and how it can be off-putting to customers. Mark emphasizes the importance of education in reducing plastic bags usage, suggesting a voluntary approach. Members also suggested the need for better advertising of recycling programs. Maureen shared insights from a life cycle analysis of plastic and paper. Tessie shared insights from a tour of the republic recycling facility, noting the impact of plastic bags on the system. Mark suggests focusing on the biggest contributors to plastic waste in the township. Mimi highlighted the need for ongoing education and awareness campaigns to keep the public informed.
 - c. Next Steps - a plan of action is to invite the recycling company representative who provided the facility tour to give a presentation and update on recycling markets and processes. Reach out to the larger retailers like Giant, Wawa & CVS to gauge their interest in voluntarily reducing plastic bag usage and see what support they may need from the township. Karleigh proposed starting with education and outreach to businesses to help with alternative methods and products they may consider using. Develop an educational campaign for residents on proper recycling practices, including signage on recycling bins and information on the township website.
9. Liaison Reports
- a. Board of Supervisors – Draft sidewalk and trail plan was presented at the meeting on May 13. The Board has 2 weeks to review and report back to the staff.

- b. Parks & Recreation – The township signed a contract with a software registration company for online registration that they will be using for program registration like the Tree Give away. With this software an email receipt will be generated once they submit which should alleviate the staff time with phone calls and emails. The Texaco lot, all the plantings have been done, and the everything is growing. Pollinator gardens have been started at Pen Ambler Park and Oxford Park part of the Park Master Plans.
- c. Comprehensive Plan -Rich was not present for this meeting.

10. Points of Interest/General Comments

- a. Going Green Award – Sandi and Maureen will speak regarding the time line from the Going Green Award and getting information out to the schools now to help promote participation from students for a youth award. y

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm