

Lower Gwynedd Township EAC Meeting Minutes

October 8th, 2025, 7:00 PM

Township Building Conference Room

Members in Attendance:

Mark Schafer, Chair (Zoom)

Brenda Doll

Maureen Nunn

Marianne Grey Bob Sawyer

Associate Members: Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski, Rich Valiga

Board of Supervisor Liaison: Tessie McNeely

Staff in Attendance: Sandi Feight, Recreation Director

1. Call to order: Mr. Schafer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and there were introductions. We welcomed Nikki Beadle, as a resident of the township who is interested in what is going on in the township.
2. Approval of September 10, 2025, meeting minutes- Minutes were approved as presented.
3. Request to move items from Consent Agenda to Regular Agenda – We Conserve Fall Membership Meeting.
4. Approval of Regular Agenda – Mr. Schafer approved the agenda as presented
5. New Business: Going Green Award Recommendation and Vote – Ms. Nunn thanked the committee members and the township liaison, Ms. Feight, for their time and work in reviewing the technical aspects and the interviewing process for this award. Ms. Nunn gave an overview of the process, the interviews of the nominees and the award itself. This year the Wissahickon High School Outdoor Education Club, Renee Messant & The Bike Ride and Roll event were the nominees. Everyone voted and the Outreach Award will go to the Bike Ride and Roll event, The Conservation Award will go to Renee Messant and the big winner is The Wissahickon High School Outdoor Education Club.
6. Old Business
 - a. Fall Fest Saturday, September 13 Wrap Up – it was a success. Ms. McNeely & Mr. Schafer thanked Ms. Feight for all her hard work that went into making that day a great day for the community.
 - b. Journeywork Pollinator Garden Donation – Ms. Feight stated the Board of Supervisors approved it and the \$750 check will be going out.
7. Committee Updates
 - a. Tree Giveaway Update – Ms. Doll stated all trees were gone by noon that day. About 20 people got extra trees. Ms. Nunn mentioned the new traffic flow

implemented that day was a little tight for bigger vehicles. Ms. Feight stated that this will most likely be the new traffic flow for all events held at the township building. Ms. Smith-Oscilowski suggested that next year, when using the registration software, to put in something regarding making sure to hit submit when registering for a tree.

- b. Bird Town – Steve was not present tonight.
- 8. Single Use Plastic Waste – Business Engagement – Ms. Burns stated that Arpeggio will be moving away from plastic bags to reusable bags in November. Ms. Burns also stated she spoke to Colleen at Back to Earth Composting inquiring if she could get restaurants along Bethlehem Pike to sign up for composting, there could be a discount rate for participating businesses since Colleen could make a pickup once a week along the pike.
- 9. RF100 Update – Ms. Monaghan was not present at the meeting tonight to update. Ms. McNeely did speak on this and about a committee organization called Zero Waste. She also stated there is a public meeting next week if anyone wants to attend. Ms. Feight stated that there is a new sustainability officer for Montgomery County. On October 30th there is a virtual gathering from 12-1 pm to meet the new sustainability officer and she will forward this information out.
- 10. Liaison Report
 - a. Board of Supervisors – Ms. McNeely stated there was nothing to report.
 - b. Planning Commission – Ms. Nunn stated that the Planning Commission was cancelled last month but did want to point out that the land development and subdivisions being done in the township were all in the Fall Newsletter.
 - c. Parks & Recreation – Ms. Feight stated that the Parks & Rec committee had their wrap up meeting after Fall Fest.
- 11. Points of Interest/General Comments – Ms. Feight will send out the information about the new sustainability officer for Montgomery County. She also asked if anyone would like to attend the We Conserve EAC fall gathering on 11/15 at Penn State, Great Valley and Malvern so she can put a request into the Board of Supervisors. Ms. McNeely talked about the cell tower being put in Penllyn Woods and explained there was an agreement with Wissahickon Trails and now has gone through the county Planning Commission and county commissioners approved and the township is setting aside 26 acres of land to be preserved in perpetuity.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

Next Monthly Meeting: November 12th, 2025