

Lower Gwynedd Township EAC Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2026, 7:00 PM

Township Building Conference Room

Members in Attendance: Robert Sawyer, Rea Monaghan and Maureen Nunn

Associate Members: Steve Shaffier and Lisa Brown

Board of Supervisor Liaison: Andrea Brockway

Staff in Attendance: Morgan High Program Director and John Farrell Project Manager & Emergency Management Coordinator

Call to Order

Mr. Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Approval of February 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Sawyer asked for a motion to approve the February 16, 2026 meeting minutes. Ms. Monaghan made the motion and Ms. Nunn seconded. The motion was approved.

Communications

Mr. Sawyer informed the Board that meeting minutes will only be distributed to the EAC, and Ms. High will post them on the Township website once they are formally approved.

Moving forward, Ms. High will send Mr. Sawyer the agenda and minutes as two separate documents so that he can forward the agenda to associated members.

Mr. Sawyer also explained the need for subcommittees and discussed guidelines for communicating via email moving forward.

2026 Initiatives

1. Tree Giveaway

The subcommittee consists of Ms. Doll and Ms. Monaghan. The date of Saturday, October 3, 2026 was confirmed. In July, the committee will reach out to the nursery to check on tree inventory.

2. Recycling Drives

The subcommittee consists of Ms. Doll and Ms. Nunn. Tentatively, Techno Trash is scheduled for April 11, 2026, at the Township Building. The EAC will be on-site that morning to assist residents and help run the program.

3. Going Green Award

The subcommittee consists of Ms. Nunn. Ms. Nunn presented a proposed timeline for

advertising the Going Green Award and gave a brief overview of the award and nomination process.

She also asked that the documents, submission forms, and flyers be updated with the new dates and information. The committee would like to focus on business nominations this year, as there was strong participation from schools last year.

4. Earth Day Programming

The subcommittee consists of Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Shaffier. The EAC will have a table at the Earth Day event, which Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Shaffier will staff. The table will include information about Bird Town, birds, and the EAC, as well as a bird food giveaway bag.

5. Plastic Bag Band Implementation

The subcommittee consists of Ms. Monaghan and Ms. Burns. Members reached out to Giant, Wawa, and CVS regarding efforts to reduce plastic bag usage. The stores indicated that these requests would need to go through their corporate offices.

Ms. Nunn mentioned that she contacted Giant a few years ago and will check to see if she still has the corporate contact information.

6. Rain Barrel Programming

The subcommittee consists of Ms. Monaghan. The rain barrel program that was offered in previous years required significant time and effort, and the program would need to be revised if it were to continue.

Ms. High noted that other local townships offer similar programs by outsourcing them to a third party. Ms. High will research this option and report back to Ms. Monaghan.

7. Availability of Green Energy Options

The subcommittee consists of Mr. Sawyer. EAC members will send relevant articles to Mr. Sawyer, who will then forward them to Ms. High.

8. Conduct Educational Events

The subcommittee consists of Mr. Sawyer. The committee discussed hosting a recycling presentation with Republic Services. Ms. High noted that she has already been in contact with Republic and will follow up regarding this program and report back to Mr. Sawyer.

9. Bird Town & Bird Walks

Mr. Shaffier updated the Board on his meeting with the Pennsylvania Game Commission regarding Purple Martin houses. The recommended location is on Wissahickon Trails in Oxford Park. Mr. Shaffier has reached out to Wissahickon Trails regarding placement.

Ms. High informed Mr. Shaffier that because the structure would be located on Wissahickon Trails property, the Township's Public Works Department would not be able to install it. The EAC would also be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the Purple Martin house.

Ms. High asked Mr. Shaffier to provide pricing for new Bird Town signs and placement locations. The Township's Public Works Department will install the signage.

10. Public Works

Ms. High mentioned that she invited Mr. Zoller to attend the April meeting; confirmation is still pending.

Ms. High asked the EAC to prepare a list of questions or comments in advance so she can provide them to Mr. Zoller prior to the meeting. This will allow him time to gather information and prepare responses. The EAC would like to learn more about what Public Works currently does for the Township and where they may need assistance.

Wissahickon Outdoor Club

The Board voted unanimously to donate \$500 to the Wissahickon Outdoor Club to help fund their pollinator garden outside the main entrance of the high school.

Upcoming Township Events

In addition to the events listed on the agenda, Ms. Monaghan mentioned the Women's National Farm and Garden Association event taking place on May 17, which includes their annual plant sale.

Ms. Brown also mentioned the Science Fair at Shady Grove, taking place at the end of March. The EAC would need to develop a new activity or program if they plan to participate.

Liaison Reports

Board of Supervisors

No report.

Planning Commission

Ms. Nunn provided an update on the Folkways Fitness Center expansion as well as the ordinance regarding towers.

Parks & Recreation Board

Fall Fest will take place on Saturday, September 19. The Township will have a table at the event, which the EAC will participate in.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2026