

EAC May 19, 2026

Members in Attendance: Grant Alger, Emma Jenkins-Long, Dave Riedel, and John Thomas. Grant Rowe, Sustainability Coordinator, was also in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Approval of Minutes, April 21, 2026: The minutes were approved as submitted.

Reports

- **Earth Day Recap:** The EAC reviewed the Borough Earth Day event that took place in April. John commented that the event had decent attendance, and Grant R. added that the number of attendees was likely around 50-60. Grant R. also shared that the Borough gave away around 70 (out of 100 total) bare-root trees at the event. The rest were given away at a rain barrel workshop held shortly after. Grant A. asked the group for additional feedback on the event, and Emma commented that ATS was very helpful and suggested adding music in the future. John commented that the tree stump drawing/signing was unique and enjoyable. Following the conversation, the EAC reviewed thank-you letters for the organizations that tabled at the event. Grant A. and Dave, the Chair and Co-Chair of the EAC, agreed to sign the letters.
- **DCAP Priority Actions**
 - **Handout:** Grant R. created and shared a graphic related to electric vehicles (EVs). The graphic is to be used at tabling events and the farmers market, and includes QR codes with information on greenhouse gas emissions, vehicle comparisons, and more. Grant R. also shared that the EAC could explore emissions, payback periods, and vehicle comparisons for Borough-owned vehicles as well.
 - **School Electrification:** Grant A. discussed that electrification (vehicle and building) for schools is a theme connected to the Doylestown Climate Action Plan (DCAP) and opened the floor for additional conversation. Emma shared that she conducted research into local schools in the area and found that while some already have solar photovoltaics, there may be room for additional support and education. Grant R. added that the Borough will check on its end to see what is possible on the communication side, e.g., who to contact, whether there should be contact, etc., regarding information on vehicle and building electrification. Outside of this, Dave asked whether the Borough pays for the greenhouse gas calculation software, ClearPath. Grant R. replied that the Borough does not currently pay for the software, but can check on the feasibility of doing so in future years.
- **Outreach & Communications**
 - **Website Enhancements:** Grant R. shared that he has put together a website based on notes and research from Kirstyn. He will review the website a few more times and officially add it to the Doylestown site soon. Grant A. added that it may be beneficial to create a small sub-committee to review the Borough's website and make and/or recommend changes as needed.
 - **Farmers Market:** Grant A. added an "engagement record" folder to the EAC Google Drive to help keep track of conversations that occur or topics that are brought up while tabling. Emma agreed that this was beneficial, and Dave added that it could help keep track of who the EAC interacts with at the farmers market when tabling, e.g., Doylestown Borough residents or Doylestown Township residents. Additionally, while on the topic of the farmers market, Emma suggested that EAC

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create handouts highlighting small actions that connect to the DCAP people can take. Finally, Grant R. shared that the Doylestown Township EAC asked to collaborate with the Borough and jointly table at the July 18th farmers market. Dave made a motion to collaborate with the Township in July, and Emma seconded. The members of the EAC agreed.

- **EAC Collaboration Ideas**

- **Rain Barrel Workshop Recap:** Grant R. shared that the Borough rain barrel event was a success. Around 50 people registered, approximately 25 people attended the event, and all of the rain barrels were sold.
- **Film:** Grant A. shared that he is interested in showing a film related to birds and/or Bird Town. Grant R. highlighted a film he screened while at Penn State that examines how ecosystem sounds, including bird calls, have changed due to human development and climate change. Emma added that the Doylestown Bookshop Women in Business book club is reading a book on Rachel Carson, which further connects to the bird theme. Outside of birds, Dave suggested a film on wastewater. Grant A. suggested that the EAC set a deadline to pick a film. The EAC decided to choose a film at the August meeting. Grant R. agreed to make a folder for film suggestions in the EAC Google Drive.

- **Park Habitat Enhancements**

- **Installation of Chapman Park Sign:** Grant R. shared that Public Works installed the new Chapman Park sign and that the Borough aims to install more educational signs in the future. Emma suggested that the EAC promote the new sign at the Pump Track event and/or host an educational event to celebrate its installation. Grant R. agreed to investigate this opportunity.
- **Re-greening of Pump Track:** Grant R. shared that he has been working to expand native plantings at the new pump track, particularly plants that could help with flooding. Dave added that there is also a decent amount of poison ivy in the area, and Grant R. agreed to look into what options are available to remove it. Grant A. mentioned that broader planting or riparian work might be needed in the area, and John added that he may have some connections who could donate time to help if such a riparian initiative were undertaken.
- **DCNR Program Awareness:** Grant A. mentioned that the DCNR has a variety of important programs, such as pocket meadows, and suggested that the EAC stay up to date on what they are sharing. Dave also mentioned looking at the WeConserve newsletter.

- **Bird Town**

- **Committee Collaborations:** Grant A. highlighted the Bird City Network and shared that the Borough is listed on the site, given that it is part of Bird Town, PA. The Borough may want to add more content to its page. Additionally, Grant A. reminded the EAC that, as the year progresses, it should consider the actions needed to maintain its gold status.

- **Community Composting Opportunity:** Grant R. gave an overview of options to expand composting in the Borough. He added that he has been gathering information on the private composting companies in the Borough and offered to share details of both companies with the EAC at an upcoming meeting. Once details are gathered, the EAC can make recommendations on how to move forward. One option would be for the Borough to partner with a specific company to promote it to residents. Another option would be to list the various composting companies in the Borough on a Borough webpage, but not directly partner with any of them. The EAC then discussed and weighed the various options moving

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forward (ownership vs. education).

- **Budget Check-In**

- **Conference Fee:** Grant A. highlighted that there is a WeConserve EAC conference coming up in October of 2026. Grant A. then made a motion to allocate up to \$120 from the budget to cover an EAC member's attendance. John seconded, and all EAC members were in favor.

- **Staff Report**

- **Thanks, Frank Community Planting Event:** Grant R. shared that there is a community planting event on May 30th at Broad Commons Park as part of the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Plant Grant and as part of Doylestown FISH's "Thanks, Frank" day of community service. Grant A. asked whether the planting would have an educational component, and Grant R. responded that the community planting event would include plant education and that the EAC could also look into adding educational signage to the area. In addition to the planting event, Grant R. shared that the Borough is also exploring adding a community fridge as part of this collaboration with FISH.
- **Street Tree Planting Initiative:** Grant R. gave an update on the Borough's street tree planting initiative. Emma asked whether the Borough plans to plant any shade trees near the Broad Commons playground, as it gets particularly hot there. Grant R. shared that he could look into it, but that plantings are a little challenging in that area because the park is used for public events, such as concerts.
- **EAC Vacancy:** Grant R. highlighted that there is an open seat on the EAC that the Borough is working to fill. They have posted and/or emailed about the opening and will be interviewing candidates.

- **Old/New Business/Public Comment:**

- **Bird Town Grant:** Grant A. shared that Bird Town received \$25,000 and plans to give out 25 \$1,000 mini-grants. Grant A. was asked to help determine where these grants are allocated, but in doing so, would disqualify Doylestown Borough from receiving the funds. Grant R. added that Doylestown Borough already received funds from a PECO grant for bird-related initiatives, so we do not actively need the funds. Emma added that Grant A. should consider being on the grant allocation board.
- **Complete Street:** Grant A. shared that Steve asked him to inquire about efforts towards a complete streets plan. He is hoping to keep the initiative alive and keep it moving through the proper channels. Grant R. agreed to look into what the Borough is currently doing on the topic.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
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