

EAC July 21, 2026

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes, May 19, 2026: The minutes were reviewed with no comments as submitted.

Reports

- DCAP Priority Actions
 - DCAP Action Item Handout: Grant Rowe, Sustainability Coordinator, reminded the EAC that they had previously discussed creating refrigerator magnets and/or bookmarks to promote the themes in the DCAP. Emma shared that she had begun brainstorming ideas/wording for such promotional items, e.g., trying to strike a balance between being technical and not overwhelming. Grant R. asked Emma to send her draft to the EAC. Emma agreed to add her draft to the shared Google Folder. The EAC also broadly discussed adding QR codes linking to more information (such as a website) across all handout types.
 - John asked if the Borough was still promoting water conservation. Grant R. answered yes and briefly reviewed the Borough's page related to this information.
 - Policy Advocacy:
 - Renewable Policies: Grant A. shared that he attended the PennEnvironment Lobby Day and reviewed a handful of policies (bills) that have been proposed in the Pennsylvania legislature related to renewable energy.
 - Targeted DCAP Actions: Grant R. reminded the EAC that they decided at their May 2026 meeting to focus on bus electrification and solar for schools as key directions for promoting the themes of the DCAP. Initially, the EAC had planned to contact schools directly but sought Borough guidance before doing so. To this end, Grant R. spoke with the Borough about this idea, and following discussion, the Borough is asking that the EAC not directly contact the school district. Instead, it is recommended that the Borough EAC begin by reaching out to neighboring EACs to gauge interest and support from other municipalities. Grant A. suggested that — while the Borough EAC reaches out to other groups — it be mindful of certain available grant funds (such as the Solar for Schools grant) that have deadlines, e.g., that the EAC still act promptly. Grant R. agreed to look into grants and deadlines and to check in with the Borough for more direction on how the EAC should move forward. He will come prepared with updates to the next EAC meeting.
- Outreach & Communications
 - Website Enhancements: Grant R. shared a webpage, newly added on the Borough's site, related to native lawns and the Homegrown National Park program. It was created based on Kirstyn's research and is now live. Everything Kirstyn suggested has been included, except for the video she sourced. This video is linked but not directly embedded on the website due to integration/formatting issues. The EAC reviewed this new site and discussed the conversation/debate around native

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plants and lawn management. Outside the new website, Grant A. also suggested that the EAC continue to evaluate the website more broadly, e.g., edit outdated information, correct misspellings, and address formatting abnormalities. Grant R. agreed that large parts of the website could be updated and that new information could be added. Following this, the EAC discussed the website in more detail, including adding information on recycling and ticks.

- Farmers Market: Grant A. updated the EAC, informing them that the planned July Doylestown Township EAC and Doylestown Borough EAC farmers market collaboration was canceled due to poor air quality and storms. He suggested that the EACs collaborate instead in August. Grant R. agreed with this idea. Outside of future tabling, the EAC discussed how best to keep track of people they interact with at the farmers market. Emma shared that she has a list of interactions/engagement on her phone. Grant A. added that he recently created a folder in Google Drive to track engagement. The EAC agreed to try and keep track of interactions/engagement going forward using this new file, farmers market and beyond.
- EAC Collaboration Ideas
 - Film Decision: The EAC discussed dates for a community film screening and tentatively selected October 22nd. They also discussed a few different film options and agreed to come prepared to choose a film and finalize details at the August meeting.
- Park Habitat Enhancements
 - PECO Green Region Open Space Program: Grant R. gave an overview of the Borough Green Region Grant award and proposed work, including no-mow areas, invasive removal, and bird and bat boxes. The Borough recently received its \$10,000 check from PECO and is now working to spend the funds, including the match. It is in the process of finalizing details, especially related to invasive work, e.g., invasive identification vs. invasive removal. As the projects get underway, Emma suggested promoting the bat boxes in October due to the Halloween theme. Grant A. asked for more details on the no-mow project (and Borough mowing and planting plans in general), and Grant R. agreed to follow up with Grant A. as the work moves forward.
- Bird Town
 - Annual Reporting: Grant A. reminded the EAC that the new Bird Town certification guidelines contain a requirement to have Bird Town recognized habitats. Doylestown Borough has reached the bare minimum for Bird Town (3), though more (4 more) are still needed to maintain its gold certification status.
 - Clutch Meetings: Grant A. shared that Bird Town is interested in hosting a clutch meeting at Borough Hall. Grant R. replied that they can reserve spaces at the Borough.
- Community Composting Opportunity: Grant R. gave an overview of current Borough compost initiatives, which include leaf, branch, and holiday tree collection. He also shared that the Borough has two options to expand composting moving forward. It can either play an educational role, e.g., by updating its website to add information related to composting, or seek to enter into a direct relationship, e.g., by partnering with a private company or other entity, to take more of a lead in the compost process. These are not mutually exclusive options but represent two different levels of involvement. The Borough has been creating a compost community survey to help gather information on either route. Regardless, Grant R. noted that the Borough is interested in the compost space, so the EAC should consider these options. Following this overview, the EAC weighed the options

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(education vs. direct partnership). They discussed the ease of editing the website, the costs and benefits of partnering with a private company, and the planning required for any decision made. Following the discussion, Grant R. agreed to continue exploring compost options and gathering research, and to report back with updates at the next EAC meeting.

- Staff Report
 - Electric Vehicles & GEM Car: Grant R. shared that the Borough has recently purchased two electric vehicles, including a Chevrolet Equinox and Blazer EV. It is also in the process of replacing its water buggy with an electric GEM vehicle. Emma asked how the Borough selected its electric vehicles. Grant R. offered insight into the vehicles and the COSTAR purchasing process.
 - EV Chargers: Grant R. highlighted that the Borough recently updated its staff-only electric vehicle charger at Borough Hall to accommodate the additional electric vehicles it purchased. It also installed an electric vehicle charger at its Public Works facility.
 - Street Tree Planting Initiative: Grant R. commented that the Borough has completed its street tree planting initiative for this planting season.
 - EAC New Member: Grant R. shared that the Borough's newest EAC member, Chris, will be joining the EAC at its August meeting. Grant A. asked if Emma and John could send over some information on themselves to add to a new-member EAC packet he is updating.
- Old/New Business/Public Comment:
 - E-Vape Recycling: Grant R. shared that the company TerraCycle has recently launched a recycling program to deal with e-vape waste. He asked the EAC for input on the option. EAC members discussed whether e-vape waste is a significant enough issue to warrant exploring such a recycling option. Grant R. asked the EAC to consider the topic further and offered to revisit it in the future.
 - Sediment and Erosion: John asked about erosion issues in the Borough and shared that he has connections with companies from his time in the industry that may be able to offer insight or help. Emma responded that there is erosion at Chapman Park, and Grant A. agreed. Grant R. and John agreed to connect to find a time to explore the erosion at Chapman Park and options.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Erika Fellman