

Towamencin Township Bird Town Pennsylvania Committee A subcommittee of the Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2025

1. Call to order: 7:03 pm.

- 2. Opening comments: Joyce Snyder invited the members to the Township Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.
- 3. Public comments: None.
- 4. Approve minutes: Approved unanimously.
- 5. Projects:
 - a. In progress/ complete:
 - i. Street signs Vanessa Gaynor dropped the additional signs off with the township. Locations requested: a. On Sumneytown Pike, heading west from Upper Gwynedd (approximately in front of the new Goddard school). There is not currently a Towamencin Township sign located here, but Joyce has indicated she would be in favor of having one installed here along with the Bird Town sign, since this is a major thoroughfare. b. Old Forty Foot Rd, heading north into Towamencin from the Township Line. There are other signs located on the pole, but they are not legible. c. Mainland Rd., near Clemens Rd. d. On Allentown Rd, heading south from Wambold Rd into Towamencin. e. On Troxel Rd, on the corner near Troxel Meadow (this would require a post being installed).
 - ii. 9/6/2025 Bird Walk Approximately 40 people attended, including Andrew Dolan and Bruce Bailey. Approximately 39 birds were spotted. The walk information can be seen at <u>ebird.org</u>, then pick Fischer's Park under Hotspots.
 - iii. Township newsletter Andrew Dolan prepared an article for the newsletter which was submitted in August.
 - b. Planning:

- i. Native plant sale Donna Hegge coordinating with John Nuss of David Brothers nursery for 9/20/2025 from 9 am to 1 pm at Firehouse Park. Joyce and Donna will bring canopies for shade. Joyce suggested contacting North Penn now for publicity.
- ii. Children's workshop in 1/2026 Discussed bird house decorating and pine cones with peanut butter and birdseed. Members to bring ideas to the November meeting.
- iii. Bird house install at Troxel Meadow Vanessa requested Costar (statewide system that Township uses for purchasing) pricing from the township for the poles and Colleen is looking into it. To be 10 poles and 10 birdhouses to be installed in February. Who will maintain the boxes?
- iv. Additional 2026 projects requiring budget consideration Craft or giveaway for Towamencin Day.

6. Budget review

- a. Current The 2025 budget has been spent.
- b. Planning For 2026, we discussed \$1500 at the June meeting (\$1000 for bird houses, \$500 miscellaneous). Will refine bird house pricing with Costar info. Do we have more specific ideas of how to spend the remaining \$500? Additional birdhouses for Fischer's Park or Kibbler Meadow? Want to avoid over-requesting and not spending. Joyce to put the 2026 Bird Town budget under the 2026 EAC budget.

7. Upcoming events

- a. Thursday, November 6, 2025, 7 pm, Municipal Building Bird Town PA Meeting.
- b. Saturday, January 17, 2026, 10 am-12 noon, Municipal Building Children's workshop.
- 8. Any other business and closing: No other business.
- 9. Adjournment: 8:15 pm.