

East Goshen Township
Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Council Meeting Agenda
April 27, 2026
East Goshen Township Building
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Liaison Report
3. Approve minutes
 - a. March 30, 2026
4. Treasurer Report
5. Old Business
 - a. Solar Discussion
 - b. Water Quality
 - c. Native Garden
6. New Business
 - a. Bio Blitz and Pollinator Pathway
 - b.. Divide business list for plastic bag interview- review questions
 - c.. Composting Pilot
 - d. NWF Mayor Pledge
 - e. Mosquito education
7. Public Comments
8. Adjourn Meeting: Motion by _____ and Seconded by _____ (7:55PM)

EGT Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2026
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Present: Mary Krueger, Chairperson, Kennan Flanagan, Maria O’Hara, Robert Murray, Kimberly Schaffer, Amory Stedman, Derek Stedman, Jess Wilhelmy (EG liaison)

Liaison Report: None

Minutes:

Kennan made a motion to approve the February 23,2026 minutes.

Derek seconded.

Motion carried 7-0.

Treasurer Report: None

Old Business:

Composting Seminar

Mary updated everyone on the up coming Composting Seminar happening April 8th at 7pm.

Kennan made a motion to approve the payment of \$150 to Back to Earth for presenting the Composting Seminar.

Derek seconded.

Motion carried 7-0.

Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day

Mary announced the Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day and encouraged others to sign up.

Goshen 250 May 30th

Mary asked if ESAC had an interest in attending the event and what activity they should do.

The group discussed recognizing the witness tree.

ABC Biennial Planning Session Review

Kennan and Kim gave their review of the planning session.

Solar Discussion

Mary brought up grants for Solar. The Public Works Garage roof has been mentioned as an option and wanted to know if anyone would like to take charge of getting more information.

Water Quality

Kennan stated that he is working with Conservancy still.

Amory announced there is a water quality meeting happening at Hershey's Mill on April 7.

New Business

Evaluating Plastic Bag Restriction

Mary provided an update.

Native Plant Garden

Mary asked about researching native plants in pots for those who live in apartments.

Amory and Derek are going to look up information and report back next month.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Kim and Seconded by Derek (8:10PM)

National Wildlife Foundation Mayor Monarch Pledge

This is just a way to publicize our work to save Monarchs. (<https://mayorsmonarchportal.nwf.org/>). We have already done many of the requirements. It is extended to May 15.

The **full official wording of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Mayors' Monarch Pledge** isn't displayed as a short, standalone paragraph on their public overview pages—it's part of a **pledge form/survey that mayors complete**, along with selecting specific action items. However, the core **pledge language and commitment** can be summarized directly from NWF materials.

Core pledge text (officially described commitment)

From the NWF program materials, the pledge essentially states that a mayor (or local government leader) commits to:

Restoring habitat for monarch butterflies and pollinators and engaging the community in conservation efforts.

More explicitly, taking the pledge means:

- Committing the community to **create, enhance, and protect monarch habitat** (*Native Pollinator Garden*)
- **Educating residents** about monarch and pollinator conservation (*Two seminars- June 2025 and Jan 2026*)
- Selecting and completing **at least three specific conservation actions** from a menu of ~30 options (*Distributing milkweed seedlings*)

What the pledge *formally entails*

When a mayor signs the pledge, they are agreeing to:

- Take **concrete actions (minimum of 3)** within a year
- Report progress annually (*ESAC would commit to doing*)
- Participate in a broader **North American conservation effort** for monarch butterflies

Important note

The NWF does **not publish a single short ceremonial “pledge paragraph”** (like a recited oath). Instead, it's a **programmatic commitment + checklist of actions** embedded in their official pledge survey.