

Doylestown Township EAC Meeting Minutes

Jan 14, 2020

In attendance:

J. Baldassarre
M. Brooks
T. Casas
G. Frederick (Guest)
J. Mitchell (Chair)
H. Shiver
A. Susten
D. Wood (Supervisor)
A. Woodbury

The EAC wishes to recognize the passing of our colleague and friend Don Richardson. Jeannine Mitchell read the following statement for the EAC.

On the passing of Don Richardson Doylestown EAC member

Many in Doylestown Township mourn the passing of Don Richardson who died on January 8 2020 at the age of 85. He was a loved and respected longtime presence among us.

Don was appointed to our EAC in March 2009 and served as vice chair of the council for at least 5 years. He was an essential member of our volunteer group, and he was our go-to guy whenever a construction plan came across our meeting table

That is how we last saw him: turning the large pages of a building proposal studying the details at our November meeting. Don was also half of our Heritage Tree subcommittee. Working with EAC member Marty Brooks, Don met with residents to assess trees on their properties that might qualify as champion, or heritage, trees. He cannot be replaced. Please join me in pausing on Don's life for a moment.

The EAC will look for an appropriate opportunity to memorialize our friend, perhaps with a bench or plaque in Central Park.

The November Meeting minutes were approved. The December meeting minutes were also approved.

Jeannine Mitchell was voted to serve another term as Chairman of the EAC. Anne Woodbury was nominated to serve as Vice chair of the committee and accepted. She was unanimously approved.

The budget was reviewed and no changes were required.

Old Business:

A display case for information will be placed near the outdoor environmental classroom, facing the path and the pond. The proposal is to replace the Putnam Education Center sign, which is in poor condition. The placement of the display case is to be cleared with S. Mason.

A. Susten will have recycling refrigerator magnets printed, following the example of the Borough magnets. The EAC voted to spend up to \$100 for these magnets.

G. Frederick of Schumacher and Assoc presented a plan for the Arbor Day plantings at Poole's Corner. Twenty trees are proposed for Stage 1, but the budget needs to be confirmed. The EAC has secured a \$1500 matching grant from Bucks Beautiful. The first \$1500 will come from fundraising or from EAC funds. In addition, the Township will provide \$3000 towards Arbor Day as part of the Tree City USA commitment. The additional expenses for the Ten Days for Trees activities are for fees and honoraria, totaling about \$2500. The EAC voted to approve \$4000 towards the event (\$1500 for trees to ensure the matching funds, and \$2500 for other expenses. A. Susten will confirm the spending plan with S. Mason. A. Susten needs a schedule of activities for the Township newsletter; a draft schedule of events will be used if necessary, with annotation.

The Ready for 100 presentation to the Board of Supervisors was postponed until Feb 18. J. Baldassarre made the presentation for review by the EAC and was approved to go forward. Some background materials will be provided to the BoS by February 13.

Discussion of the Strategic plan continued. The members discussed things to be added like a nature walk at DelVal and the invasive species ID and removal classes.

Jeannine volunteered to work on a written process for the EAC Summit.

H. Shiver and J. Mitchell agreed to meet in May or June to discuss pesticide and herbicide use at Central Park. They mentioned including Karen Sweeney and Chris Mason at the meeting as they know the Athletics Directors.

Princeton Hydro and DelVal are connected and worked on the grant application for Sauerman Pond. We have not heard any word of the status but will check with Stephanie Mason about it.

Anne Woodbury mentioned that she was on the board for the Park and Rec. Open Space Plan but after the initial meeting, there has not been much conversation. She recommended planting instead of mowing in the open spaces.

New sign in central park about trees. Two signs will be created, "A Tree" & "Trees". This project may have to hold off until after the 10 Days for Tree Events because of budget and time.

Discussion of the Invasive Plan ID and Removal Workshop continued. It was determined that on March 21 the class will focus on Oriental bittersweet and garlic mustard and on October 24 the class will focus on Burning Bush and Multiflora Rose. Andrea and Heidi will work on creating a postcard to increase participation.

Single Use Plastics Survey

Andrea intends to purchase the version of survey monkey that will allow for most customization and will launch the survey with the new website on Friday, January 17.

PECO Green Region Grant & Sauerman Pond Grant: Andrea will check status of Grant Applications

Newsletter Articles: Heidi will write two newsletter articles about meadows and Herbicide and Pesticide use.

Motion to adjourn – Marty made motion to adjourn and Anne Woodbury seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.