

# Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

## FEBRUARY 14, 2023

ATTENDEES: Attendees: Jim Baldassarre, Chad Clem, Stacy Crandell, Jeannine Mitchell, Erich Neal, Curt Sawyer, Heidi Shiver, Kara Raymond (Associate Member)

Guests: Heather Schroder, Eric Simon (Scout), Tommy Shields (Scout), Abby Simon, Chris

1. Public Comment
  - a. Heather Schroder -
    - i. Expressed concern about plans for 25 acres off of Turk & Almshouse Rds
    - ii. Concerned about impact of land development on the environment
    - iii. This is county property and they currently do not have a plan
    - iv. The county representatives shared some ideas at a previous BOS meeting
    - v. Jeannine recommended contacting Evan Stone with the Bucks Co Planning Commission
      1. Recommended gather support of her neighbors and putting together a letter for Evan
      2. Recommended coming back into the EAC and sharing what she learns and collaborate with the committee.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2023
  - a. Minor updates required. Chad will send to Ginny
3. Budget Review
  - a. \$5500 is the budget for the 2023 year
  - b. Stacy clarified that the \$1800 spent on trees was a grant that came in and TWP put it on the EAC budget for record keeping purposes
4. Renew support for Bucks Beautiful
  - a. Will speak with Anne about this and paperwork needs to be sent to Stacy
5. Watershed Steward Penn State Event March 14 - Jeannine will be attending and will share information with the rest of the team
6. New Business
  - a. EAC Presentation- June 6, 2023
    - i. Brief (3-4 minute) live presentation to the TWP BOS meeting
    - ii. Jim is unavailable - Heidi will represent the EAC. Jim and Heidi to collaborate on the presentation
7. Ongoing Activities and Updates
  - a. Bird Town Updates
    - i. Bluebird Nest Box Clean out Central Park - Saturday 2/18
    - ii. Next box nest watch - Starts in April - 1-2x/week through the summer
      1. Observe for nest, eggs and record data and upload to Cornell
    - iii. Great Backyard Bird Count - February 17-20 - data is uploaded to Cornell
    - iv. EAC Network Conference - February 25

- b. Response from Community Center Design Engineer
  - i. Stacy will have a written response from the TWP by the end of the week (2/17) and will be shared with Jim and Curt
- c. Lenape Recognition Garden- Next Steps and Budget
  - i. \$2500 Approved out of EAC budget
  - ii. Chad to proceed with ordering plant materials
  - iii. Detailed plan to Stacy with measurements and hardscaping materials (Chad)
  - iv. Install date April 22 (Earth Day)
- d. Native Garden Consultation services
  - i. Chad provided an overview but asked for the topic to be tabled for the March meeting when Marcello can co-present.
- e. Watershed Friendly Properties- Sheridan Road
  - i. Meeting with Stacy and Dave T (TWP) on 2/13
  - ii. TWP will stake out the lot and remove debris
  - iii. Going to start clearing the area on March 11 (rain date March 18)
  - iv. Recruiting watershed stewards
  - v. Will mark trees that need to be felled
  - vi. TWP staff will paint stumps with Glyphosate
  - vii. Will densely plant when install happens
  - viii. Will likely take 2025 to complete Watershed Friendly Certification
  - ix. Should TWP signage be placed to indicate "NO DUMPING" - concern that people are dumping yard waste in that space
    - 1. Stacy will follow-up with Dave T. for TWP basin signage
  - x. Agreed to always have 2 properties being worked on - there are 18 TWP-owned properties
- f. Single Use Plastic Letter and Ordinance
  - i. Letters were sent to local restaurants
  - ii. Jim to share the Borough's ordinance with Stacy to be evaluated by the Solicitor
  - iii. Heidi suggested a field trip to the recycling center
    - 1. Jim to reach out
  - iv. Stacy asked that no work be done on the designing logos or ordering reusable bags until the ordinance is approved.
- g. Kutz Elementary reached out to Jeannine about resuming the Nature Walk for first graders
  - i. May 19 (afternoon) - may need to run into May 20 depending on the number of students.

## 7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00PM