

Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

ATTENDEES: Attendees: Jim Baldassare, Chad Clem, Curt Sawyer, Anne Woodbury, Jen Herring, Jeannine Mitchell, Erich Neal, Andrea Susten, Peter Hess, Chris Smirga, Marcello Mangano

- Public Comment
- Approval of Meeting Minutes – September and October 2023
 - Approved with minor name corrections to both months
- Budget Review
 - Memo stated that whatever is remaining at the end of the calendar year will roll over to 2024
 - Lenape Sign - PO (without artwork) approximately \$450 - will be submitted this calendar year
 - Artwork done by Andrea
 - Need to brainstorm on budget ideas for next year
 - Garden Party
 - Climate Action
 - Other???
- New Business
 - EAC contribution to P&R Holiday Fest Saturday December 9 - 1-4 PM
 - Turnout - 200+ last year & Good reception so far this year
 - Suet Bird Feeders
 - Need to secure 300 pine cones
 - Jim will buy suet and thread and provide a warming dish to keep the suet warm
 - Need to get the Bird Collage from Andrea's closet
 - Jim to confirm other materials that will be needed for the event
 - Approved to spend up to \$100 for materials
 - Light Pollution Ordinance
 - Erich suggested scaling back the scope of the light pollution since no progress has been made over the past year
 - Erich suggested focusing on one light - and suggested Saurman Park
 - Jim recommended Erich, Jim, Jen H. and Andrea talk offline and for Andrea to talk to Stephanie
 - Need to double check if the master plan for Central Parks will address lighting improvements
 - EAC Chairperson 2024
 - Tabled to next month
 - EAC Meeting dates 2024: 1/9, 2/13, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10
- Ongoing Activities and Updates
 - Waste Management visit debrief
 - It was like "Mad Max" - Trash, noise, smell

- Have preference for materials that are delivered to the recycling center
 - Jim to make recommendations for updating TWP website
 - Building a new larger state of the art facility that will also manage organic/food materials
 - Need to educate TWP residents on what can go into the recycling stream
 - Preference for plastics #1, #2 & #5 - the others go to landfill
- Climate Action Plan follow up
 - One Health DelVal presentation
 - Link to the presentation is on the TWP website
 - Very well attended and good questions
 - Will do a follow-up in the future
 - Have been meeting with members of the community
 - Speaking to Hospital ownership and DelVal tomorrow
 - Would like to include the houses of worship in the Climate Action Plan discussion
- Trees from BCCD
 - Heidi picked up the trees & planted 48 in Sandy Ridge water basin
 - Most are going to be installed in the Ash Way and Sandy Ridge basins
 - Need to follow-up with Heidi for install dates
 - Sheridan Rd location has stalled
 - Master Watershed Stewards installed a “mini forest” in Warminster and that is the recommendation for Sheridan Rd.
 - Jeannine thinks the project will be delayed by 8 months
 - BCCD has plenty of trees and could provide them for future events
- Single use plastic ordinance, next steps
 - Jim recommended that the TWP adopt the exact same ordinance as the Doylestown Borough
 - Jim requested that Andrea elevate to the Solicitor now that the election is over to get his legal opinion on the ordinance
 - Ordinance only addresses single use plastic bags at the checkout
- Native Plant Gardens and Central Park Pond
 - 13 volunteers in October
 - Last Saturday of November will be the last workday for the year
 - Pond has been “put to bed” for the winter
 - Erich recommended leaving the floating island over winter
 - Pollinator palace has been restocked
- Heritage Tree Update
 - Article was published in the recent newsletter
 - Request for 3 new trees have come in since that time
 - Andrea said she has others that have come in through email blast and she is gathering info and will share with Anne
 - Will measure and photograph in the spring after the trees leaf out
- Bird Town Update
 - Heidi was sick and will follow-up with updates (provided below):

- There are about 30+ plants left from BCCD, including swamp oak, pin oak, chokeberry, and willows. Please let Heidi know if any can be used on other sites.
- Project Feederwatch is underway and runs through April. Heidi will be writing an article for the last week in November to go in the newsletter.
- Christmas Bird Count is coming up on 12/31 and please let me know if you would like to help with the count.

○ Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7 PM