

Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 9, 2024

ATTENDEES: Jim Baldassare (Chair), Chad Clem (Secretary), Judy Dixon (TWP Supervisor), Marcello Mangano, Erich Neal, Kara Raymond, Curt Sawyer, Heidi Shiver, Andrea Susten, Anne Woodbury, Dan Wood (TWP Supervisor)

- Public Comment
- Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 2023
 - Minor additions needed, Chad to update and reroute
- Budget Review
 - Lenape Garden sign was able to hit FY23 budget
 - Remaining funds will carryover into FY24
 - EAC Budget will be more substantive in FY24 due to carryover and BirdTown donation
- New Business
 - Meeting minutes rotation
 - Chad will continue in role
 - If he is absent, then the team will rotate the responsibility alphabetically through EAC members
 - EAC Vacancy
 - 2 applicants have expressed interest
 - All documentation has been submitted and interviews are being scheduled
- Ongoing Activities and Updates
 - Strategic Plan Review
 - How will EAC support the initiatives that Jeannine was leading
 - Green Corridors - Heidi (Lead) Chad, Marcello & Erich
 - YMCA Trail Areas - Expanding the Native Demonstration Garden to the YMCA - Heidi (Lead), Chad, Anne, Marcello
 - Garden 'leadership' reorganization and related activities
 - Jim has solicited feedback on leadership and has tepid feedback
 - Jim will have some conversations with individuals and will then schedule a broader call with all interested volunteers
 - Consider weekday volunteer work days
 - March 30 (Sat) is the first scheduled work day
 - Garden Celebration June 1
 - Recommended moving to June 1 (from June 22) to allow attendees more time to plant
 - Subcommittee Meeting Tuesday January 29
 - Jim to send agenda to Andrea to post since will meet quorum
 - Jim recommended using available trees from 10 MM Trees program to plant in Castle Valley as potential Arbor Day event

- Jim said it needs beautification
 - Heidi recommended engaging the community to help with the planting
 - Jim recommended engaging high school students
 - Need to speak with Chris Mason & Karen Sweeny about planting
 - Solicit engagement from the watershed organizations
 - Arbor Day April 26 - Target Saturday April 27 for the planting
- BirdTown update
 - Meeting next Wednesday night at January 17 for Brainstorming for the Program
 - Would like to do a native plant presentation to a local HOA
 - Judy will coordinate introduction for Heidi to meet Westwyk community leadership
 - Increase Blue Bird work - Create an event around nest boxes along the Neshaminy
 - Summer programming for kids
 - Annual Report due January 31
 - Jim to share EAC annual report with Heidi prior to that
- Watershed Friendly Properties
 - Sheridan Rd property
 - 2x herbicide treatment (spring/summer '24)
 - Kara asked that signage be posted to notify passers-by
 - Cardboard and then deeply mulch
 - Plant in Fall '24
 - There is a wet depression in the middle that never totally dries out
 - TWP engineer is going to review the property and determine if any remediation is needed
 - Andrea will update the team on the timing
 - Sandy Ridge property
 - Heidi will coordinate 3 clean-ups in 2024

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00PM