

Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2017

In attendance:

J. Baldassarre
M. Brooks
T. Casas
J. Mitchell (Chair)
D. Richardson (Vice Chair)
A. Susten (Intern)
A. Woodbury

Guests:

Dan Wood
Mr & Mrs J Schumacher
Mr & Mrs N Schorr

November meeting minutes were approved

New Business:

Certificates for Township Heritage Trees were presented to Mr and Mrs Schorr for a White Ash, and to Mr and Mrs Schumacher for a White Oak. In addition, a Sassafras belonging to Barbara Schempp in Fountainville will be recognized as a Heritage tree at the next meeting.

Heidi Shiver is accepted as a new member of the EAC to fill the vacancy and will attend from January.

Budget was reviewed. No significant new spending anticipated for 2017. ??? needs to be reimbursed for printing of Lyme Disease brochures. Sponsorship of talk by Dan Duran (\$550) will come out of 2018 budget.

Keith Peters is soliciting video content for the EAC slot on the Township public access channel. It may be possible to get Del Val University or CB West students to create video content. Possible topics will include:

- Establishing a meadow
- Planting and mulching a tree
- Attracting wildlife with native plants
- Milkweed and Monarch butterflies
- Lyme Disease awareness
- Composting
- Organic alternatives to pesticides and insecticides
- Christmas tree and yard waste disposal
- Bluebird boxes

T. Casas to contact film students at DVU. J. Baldassarre to contact video club at CB West for possible video production.

A sign identifying plants in the Native Plant Demonstration Garden is needed, but development of the sign content is tabled until S. Mason can provide guidance on the process. A subgroup of the EAC will meet offline to begin the content.

Need to identify the location of the bluebird boxes for cleaning. J. Baldassarre will try to get students from CB West to assist with cleaning. This needs to be done in February. T. Casas has also offered to assist. D. Wood has offered to create a map of the box locations. Post-meeting note: S. Mason will have Rich Schea send the information to J. Baldassarre.

ArtMobile with the pollinator exhibit is not available for spring 2018. EAC may want to use this exhibit for spring 2019. A. Woodbury will try to see the exhibit before we commit the funding.

EAC agreed to support 3 members to attend the Bowman's Hill Land Ethics Symposium (\$450).

Jeannine Mitchell is confirmed as Chairperson for 2018.

Old Business:

200 Oaks. Only a small number of trees have been sold so far, and we need a count before we can order. EAC wants to advertise the program better. J. Baldassarre will contact County Theater and Temple Judea. T. Casas will contact Mt Carmel. A. Woodbury will look at print advertising. M. Brooks has started to look at pricing for ball & burlap (larger) oaks (\$160+ each, depending on quantity), and 5 gallon container trees (about \$28); a number of bids are still pending. Need to confirm numbers and timing by January, as supply will be limited. There is no Township funds for these trees, so the program has to be self-funding. One resident has asked if the trees will be maintained. Post-meeting note: S. Mason confirms that the Township Parks Dept will maintain the new trees.

Native Plant Garden. Native plant garden is finished for 2017 and next work day is March 24. A. Susten will try to arrange an invitation list Township officials (perhaps similar to the Holiday Party list) and the event needs to be advertised to the general public as well, the Township newsletter and elsewhere. The EAC is also working on refreshments and entertainment.

Lyme disease prevention pamphlets are printed ads the committee needs to decide how to distribute these. Some should be posted permanently in the parks as well.

The EAC agreed to purchase a 2.5 feet by 6 feet table banner. A. Susten will order it.

Global Climate Change Resolution. Dave Presbula from Ferguson Township will be giving a talk in Doylestown in April. T. Casas will see if the EAC can meet him separately for further discussion about the Resolution. He may also be invited to the EAC Summit.

No confirmation yet as to whether or not the Township received a grant to remediate the Sauerman Park Pond. S. Mason needs to contact the environmental engineering firm to get final information.

Next EAC meeting is January 9 2018