

Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Jeannine Mitchell, Chair, Native Plants/Gardens
Don Richardson, Vice Chair, Shade Tree Commission/Plans
Martin Brooks, Arborist/Shade Tree Commission/Plans
Tanya Casas, Climate Change/Food Security/Delaware Valley University
Anne Woodbury, Gardens/Speakers/Bicentennial
Jim Baldassarre, Health/Bird Town/Minutes
Heidi Shiver, Bucks County Audubon Society
Andrea Susten, Intern
Guests

I. Minutes Approval - December 12, 2017

II. New Business

- a. Welcome to Heidi Shiver, new member of our EAC; introduction please
- b. Heritage tree certificate: Barbara Schempp, 10 Valley View Dr., Fountainville
- c. New Heritage Tree evaluation: Carolyn Shaddinger, 34 Birchwood Dr., Doylestown
- d. Budget overview; upcoming expenses (Land Ethics Symposium March 15 - Anne, Andrea, Jeannine; Larry Weaner in Feb. - any info from Jeff Schumacher? Don interested; publicity for 200 Oaks)
- e. Bird walks in Central Park; Diane Smith of BCAS; not in program guide for May but walk tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 5,; put on website and Facebook
- f. Anonymous \$250 donation for native plant demo garden
- g. Bird Town: Jim and Steve Saffier met about Great Backyard Bird Count in February; possible collaboration with New Britain Borough and Chalfont Bird Town committees; township participation in Dec. 31 Audubon Christmas Bird Count (Hal Margolit, Heidi Shiver, Jeannine Mitchell)
- h. Newsletter: articles needed about garden party and 200 Oaks; birdwalk info; deadline?
- i. Contact List for other EAC's in Bucks and Montgomery Counties; send them information about 200 Oaks & garden party?
- j. EAC Summit Ideas for May or June: dates, speakers, format (not too early, really!)
- k. Speaker Series ideas: dates, speakers, Bucks Beautiful and BCAS partnerships (Doylestown Nature Club has submitted an idea*)
- l. Delaware Highlands Conservancy newsletter; article on invasive plants; Sept. 6-9 "Women and Their Woods Educational Retreat" - pass this along.
- m. Tracy Carluccio from Delaware Riverkeeper Network and fracking ban resolution
- n. EAC Mission Statement or goal-setting; review official description of the Council

III. Old Business

- a. Dr. Dan Duran from Drexel Univ. to talk at Del Val about limiting lyme ticks on our properties (in program guide under "Advocacy for a Greener Earth" p. 8.) Feb. 7, 6:30 -

8 pm, Del Val Life Sciences Building Auditorium. (\$550 out of 2018 budget; BCAS co-sponsoring)

- b. Lyme Tick pamphlet: available at Duran talk; where else? numbers? Dept. of Health?
- c. 200 Oaks sponsorship update; container trees effort; Doylestown Nature Club concern about red oaks and bacterial leaf scorch; information available at 1/6 Bicentennial Gala
- d. Garden Party: invitation distribution; refreshments; music (Nancy Brown - Heidi; CB student musicians - Jim; guitarist?)
- e. Update on new sign: "Native Plants" to be installed by demo garden; met on 1/3 to create mock-up with text and photos; Jan.-Feb.: Boucher and James assist in design of sign for Fossil; March: fabrication of the sign; April: installation of the sign so that it is in place for May garden party.
- f. Call for video library pieces from Keith Peters and Ed Ebenbach, TAB members: Doug Tallamy video from 10/16 now available (thanks to Tanya and Andrea) but in need of editing; ideas from Women's Farm & Garden Assoc. group; video project for students from Del Val and/or Central Bucks SD? (list of topics generated at December meeting in minutes); Ed to give us a list of currently available EAC Hour videos (EAC Hour is 6 to 7 am and 6 to 7 pm every day.) J9 has agreed to videotape a few 60-second spots on various EAC events/projects/information (TBA).
- g. EAC banner
- h. Bluebird boxes: locations map and maintenance
- i. BCCC Artmobile - focus on pollinators through June 2019; \$500 for 2 days; already booked for Earth Day, 2018 and first weekend in May; do we want to include this in our Earth Day events for 2019?
- j. Ferguson Township resolution on reducing greenhouse gas emissions: David Pribulka to talk at Del Val on April 19, 6 pm, Life Sciences Building. Who can attend?
- k. Sauerman Park - anything more to be done at this time? We did not get grant from PA DCNR.
- l. PA Audubon bird-friendly neighborhoods initiative: packets delivered to Wood Hill neighbors - no responses. Someone else want to try?
- m. Native garden update: next work day on 3/24/18; backfilling of boulders needs to be done when there's a thaw; inventory of plants needs to be made available to residents - who? when? tech skills needed.

IV. Announcements and Calendar: Next meeting February 13, 2018, 7 p.m.

*Paul Cowie & Assoc., 11 N. Beverwyck Rd., Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034, 973-276-0599; supervised the oak tree planting at the 9/11 Memorial in NYC; excellent speaker; includes why swamp white oaks were chosen.