

Doylestown Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2018

In attendance:

J. Baldassarre
J. Herring
S. Mason
J. Mitchell (Chair)
H. Shiver
A. Susten (Special Projects Coordinator)
A. Woodbury

Guest:

J. Schumacher
D. Wood

Joint Meeting held with Parks and Recreation, including J. Bray (Chair), S. Richwein, K. Brown, R. Salanik and B. Kelly.

The joint meeting agreed that a joint meeting of EAC and Parks and Rec should be an annual event.

We discussed the status of the Sauerman Park pond and plans to obtain grant money to remediate the pond. There was agreement that conversion to a wetland would be appropriate. J. Schumacher offered to have his wetland expert confirm that opinion.

Future joint plans could include elimination of invasive species in the parks with restoration of native species. This will be a long term project over years. Plan should start with a careful mapping of current vegetation. This could be facilitated by a DVU student or faculty member.

EAC noted the plan for an expanded BirdTown Committee. This might be publicized at some of the Park events (eg, concerts).

EAC also notes the planned extensive restorations planned for FontHill. Both A. Woodbury and J. Mitchell have inquired and it appears that the restoration plans are well thought out and the EAC has no specific concerns.

EAC Meeting

Meeting minutes are approved with 1 correction required: EAC Summit is moved to June 14 at DVU room 200-201(done). Dr Marilyn Howarth is available to speak at the Summit, and Larry Weaner may be asked to speak for the Fall Speaker. A Summit agenda is needed.

The Delaware Riverkeepers Network resolution will be voted on by the township supervisors on March 20. EAC members are encouraged to attend.

The number of oak trees sponsored so far is 43. The Doylestown Rotary has agreed to sponsor at least 20 trees, but is advocating for us to their members individually as well. No trees have been ordered yet. J. Mitchell will contact M. Brooks when he is back from vacation.

Denise Sezak at Bucks Beautiful tells us that Bucks Beautiful 'Reforest Bucks' program will donate 100 red Maple trees for planting in the park, but asks EAC to recommend locations. This will be done in April and Bucks Beautiful will arrange for the planting.

Arbor Day is April 27. Doylestown is Tree City and will sponsor an Arbor Day event, with students planting trees in the park. Ten trees will come from The National Arbor Day Foundation. J. Schumacher will also acquire some trees for planting, and has agreed to participate in the tree planting ceremony. A. Susten will reach out to Kutz and CB West to find students to assist with planting.

Native Plant Demonstration Garden first work day is pushed back to March 31 accommodate the March for Life. J. Schumacher will arrange for entranceway trellis to be installed. Garden dedication and party is scheduled for May 6 3-5 PM. A. Susten has developed the invitations and will organize the mailing list. Each EAC member will get 5 invitations to distribute personally. Native plant signboard has been ordered and will be installed before the dedication ceremony. D. Wood has offered to create plastic 3D QR codes to provide educational links. EAC needs to decide on a plan and content for these QR links.

Next meeting is April 10 at 7pm.