

Doylestown Township EAC Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2018

J. Baldassarre
M. Brooks
T. Casas
J. Herring Supervisor
J. Mitchell Chairperson
D. Richardson Vice Chair
H. Shiver
A. Susten Special Projects Coordinator
A. Woodbury

Guests:

Robin and Mike Hoy, Bucks-Mont Citizens Climate Lobby
Dan Wood
Owen Neal, Jane Neal, Eric Neal
Marcello Mangano

Meeting Minutes for April are approved

New Business:

Citizens Climate Lobby advised the Council of their mission and initiatives. They are seeking the endorsement of Doylestown Township for a national revenue neutral carbon fee. The scheme is well defined and would impose a fee on carbon fuel producers that would generate revenue that would be distributed to all citizens as a dividend. The carbon fee would significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. Additional literature was provided for review. The EAC would like to study the proposal and meet with the CCL again in July.

Owen Neal is working towards his Eagle Scout certification and is proposing to create an 'insect hotel' as a teaching tool for the community in Central Park, possibly evocative of Kids Castle. If accepted by the EAC, it would still need to be approved by the BSA. Doylestown Parks and Rec should also be consulted. He has about 18 months to complete this. The EAC suggested that it might be unveiled during 'Pollinator Week' or EarthDay 2019. The EAC was agreeable to learning more and H. Shiver, A. Woodbury and J. Baldassare all offered to act as liaisons to the EAC. Owen will return after discussing this with his Scout Master.

Pa Horticultural Society Gardening and Greening Contest for 2018. The EAC agrees that the Native Plant Garden should participate again.

New Britain Borough is suggesting additional signage at Pine Run Reservoir to educate citizens about grassland nesting birds. The EAC agrees to pledge up to \$300 towards a new educational sign, design assistance and ask Butch Froelich to assist with making a stand for the sign. Other groups are expected to contribute as well. J. Mitchell will follow up with Tom Price at New Britain Boro.

Doylestown Community BirdTown. First meeting will be scheduled for immediately after Memorial Day and A. Susten will reserve a meeting space. J. Baldassarre will send invitations to the list of members. [Now scheduled for June 6 at 6:30].

Heritage Trees. Two trees are approved as Township Heritage Trees: Kentucky Coffee Tree on the Blueberry Hill property at Almshouse Road, and White Ash belonging to Carolyn Shaddinger. A. Susten will invite Ms Shaddinger to the next EAC meeting for a certificate. A. Susten has created a template for future tree assessments. M. Brooks notes that he uses the County list as a basis for judging trees. The EAC agrees that we should start a new list with Heritage trees for the Township. A. Susten can start a list with trees that have been judged since she began her position.

EAC Summit will be held at Del Val U room 200-201 on June 14 at 6:30. Dr Marilyn Howarth will speak about drinking water quality. There will be time for questions and for networking, and refreshments will be provided. A. Susten has a distribution list for EACs. Keith Haas and the Supervisors should also be invited. T. Casas will be sure that projector set up will be available.

The ArtMobile will visit Kutz Elementary in conjunction with EarthDay 2019 (reserved for April 18-22 and 23-29). The theme is 'Pollinators'. J. Mitchell suggests that we use this opportunity to host EarthDay in Central Park and have Arbor Day activities at FontHill. J. Mitchell to discuss with D. Tomko to coordinate these activities.

Insect spraying. EAC discussed creating an information pamphlet on the benefits and risks of widespread insect spraying in the township and the ballfields. In addition, we should meet with representatives of CBAA and DAA to see if they actually require insect spraying on playing fields. Parks and Rec should also be consulted. J. Mitchell to consult with K. Sweeney about Parks and Rec policy on spraying in the parks.

Old Business

Arbor Day activities were well attended.

The Native Plant Demonstration Garden Dedication Party was well attended and big success. The event was videotaped and will go up on the Township website. Photos are already available. Dan Wood (volunteer) has agreed to create more plant identification markers for the Garden.

200 Oaks. 91 oaks have been sponsored so far. A planting date needs to be set. September 1 will be the cut off date for sales. The EAC will continue to promote sponsorship, possibly at the Farmers Market in Doylestown, the Township Summer Concert Series and through the Foodshed Alliance. T. Casas will get information for J. Baldassare about getting a spot at the Farmers Market.

J. Herring has suggested that it would be appropriate to acknowledge Schumacher and Associates donation of the trellis at the Native Plant Garden. The EAC agrees that a modest plaque would be appropriate. J. Herring will take care of this.

Township Ordinances on landscaping and planting need to be revised. Other issues were tabled until next meeting.

Motion to adjourn.