

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Notes - 8/13/19

In Attendance:

Anne Woodbury
Tanya Casas
Jeannine Mitchell
Heidi Shiver
Dan Wood
Andrea Susten
Jen Herring

Minutes Review

Fix: Change Judy's last name to Judy Stern-Goldstein

EAC Budget

EAC currently has \$4,809 available.

Expected upcoming expenses: Native plant sign and wetland sign.

Discussed how many native plant brochures to purchase, possibly \$1000 worth.

Proposal to purchase a custom table cloth for table events with the EAC logo on it. Will look into it for further discussion next meeting.

Suggestion to look into purchasing a display case to attach to the education area at the Native Plant Garden.

Thank You Letter to the Board of Supervisors

A thank you letter was written to the Board of Supervisors for adopting the non-native plant ordinance at their 7/16/19 meeting.

Table Event Supply Storage

EAC supplies are now being stored in Andrea Susten's office.

Access to New Township Building

Members should review their email for instructions on how to access the new Township Building.

Fall Spoked Cancelled

Due to a controversy over the speaker's group affiliation, we will no longer have our planned speaker for the session.

The Fall Speaker event is still advertised in Township materials. May move the session to the Ready for 100 presentation taking place at Delaware Valley University on 9/19. Will look into it.

New Township Building Plants

Marty, Don and Judy Stern-Goldstein will speak with the township manager about recommended plants. Andrea will look in to scheduling the times.

"Quiet" Fireworks

Suggestion made that the committee to talk to Karen Sweeney of Parks and Recreation to discuss possible concerns.

Jen Herring has reached out New Hope to find more about how they handle their quiet fireworks.

Green Points Initiative Discussion

Anne has sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors thanking them for adopting the Green Points program. Anne will send a follow up letter to them asking them to follow the Green Points standard for any new buildings the Township constructs.

Arbor Day Ideas

Arbor Day will be on April 25th. Discussed ideas for what this committee could do for an Arbor Day event.

Could hold a discussion on the idea of planting trees on a global scale to offset climate change.

Could offer training on how to properly plant new trees for interested residents.

Doylestown Borough expressed interest in doing a joint tree planting at the Pool's Corner/202 Parking lot area.

Since April 25th is the last Saturday of the month, the Native Plant Garden work day will have to be moved.

Mosquito Prevention Handout

Cape May sends out a checklist to their residents with advice for how to manage mosquitos. Committee will follow up with Mammoth County for permission to use their checklist and will look into how to share it with our residents.

Invasive Plant Books

A book on invasive plants that this committee has purchased for use before is now out of print. We were offered an opportunity to buy 30 copies for \$120 plus \$20 postage.

Committee approved purchase of books for use at future events.

September EAC Meeting

Jeannine will be away on vacation for the next EAC meeting. Don will chair the meeting.

Heritage Trees

A heritage tree certificate has been sent to the D'Angelos for their heritage tree.

Doylestown Bird Walk/Bird Town

Bird walk is actually scheduled for September 7th.

Next Bird Town meeting will be on 10/24 at the Audubon Society.

Ready for 100

Jim has a draft white paper almost ready to be reviewed at the next meeting. Will follow up at the September EAC meeting.

Plastic Ban

Pennsylvania has voted to put a moratorium on municipalities legislating any plastic bans. June 2020 will be the date for follow up.

Discussed ideas for how to encourage commercial groups to adopt it.

Yard Signs

Jen proposed having a drop off location in the Township for political yard signs so they can be disposed of or recycled properly.

Recycling Education

Will discuss a plan for educating our residents on proper recycling techniques in Jan/Feb.

Native Plant Demonstration Garden

Judges came to review the garden. Hoping to hear the results in the fall.

Native Plant Brochure

Work is continuing on the native plant brochure for new residents. Could possibly put a brochure dispenser up in the Native Plant Garden.

Wetlands Sign

Only doing 1 sign at the bridge behind Central Park. Targeting it to be finished later this year.

Next meeting to work on the wetlands sign and the native plants brochure will be August 27th.

Hart's Wood Old Growth Dedication

Dedication will be on November 2nd. Will have a September meeting to plan event details.

The next meeting of the EAC will be on September 10th at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned.