

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

6:35 PM

ATTENDEES:

Jim Baldassarre. (Chair)

Chad Clem.

Jen Herring. (BOS)

Jeannine Mitchell.

Erich Neal.

Curt Sawyer.

Heidi Shiver.

Meeting started at 6:33

- Welcomed Erich
- Heidi Bortner wasn't able to make it
- Feb minutes were approved
- Budget review
 - Shirts for new members needed
 - Anne Woodbury knows where to get them embroidered
 - Jim has handbooks that he will bring for the new members
 - There is an online version as well
 - Pooles Corner planting date April 23 - 12 trees
 - Township will pre-dig holes
 - Jim will reach out to HS for 4 students
 - Arbor Day is Fri April 29
 - Butler Pike project is April 30 as is Native Plant clean-up day
 - Saturday April 23 and March 26 were the two dates that were proposed
 - April would be closer to Arbor Day but March is a Native Plant Garden work day
 - Birding walk earlier that morning
 - Jim will f/u with Gina Frederick (Jeff Schumacher & Associates) and Feeney's nursery on tree availability and timing
 - Need to confirm with Stephanie the requirements for Arbor Day Tree City USA requirements
- EAC Network Events - Associate Member Program
 - Could we modify our program so that we could do a 1 year commitment to allow volunteers an easier path into the organization?
 - Marcello M. was mentioned as a good example of this - his idea of EAC volunteers
 - Heidi asked how Bird Town fits into all of this b/c there is so much overlap with the advocacy for native plants
 - Jim will f/u with Stephanie to see if that would be allowed
- Nature Walk for children ages 5 and up proposed on 3 Dates at Central Park
 - Penn State DEP Local Climate Action Planning (ICLEI process) - Jim has a call into the group
 - Get a student in Spring and Fall from one university to come in and do an assessment and if the timing doesn't work

then they will provide free membership so that you have the tools to be able to do the assessment yourself

- Who would be the person on the Township to replace Aaron as our liaison
 - Jeannine mentioned this would be a great opportunity to pull someone from the community to work on the energy transition plan
- Other townships are starting with their municipal facilities
 - Jen shared that the Rec center is now doing an assessment of the type of heating/cooling to be installed
- EAC 3 Year Strategic Plan
 - Have the township staff **clean up and trim the current plants and uncover the arrow**
- Can we engage a speaker to educate the EAC on the legal limitations of solar?
- Watershed Friendly Presentation - March 22
 - Need to get added to the Patch & the Herald & Doylestown FB Page & Doylestown Gardeners - **Jeannine** to f/u
- Bucks Co. Chamber of Commerce doing an event April 20 5-7 PM
 - EAC should be there and in shirts if possible.
 - Single use plastics
- Butler Pike Meadow
 - April 30
 - Erich needs about 10 volunteers
 - **Jeannine** will send a Master Gardener blast for volunteers
 - Jim to arrange refreshments
 - Township will need to put up barriers to slow traffic - Aaron said this was already set up but **Jim** will follow-up with Stephanie to confirm
 - Currently have 1 machine, but renting a 2nd could reduce the amount of time
 - Cost was about \$300
 - Jim suggested we run it with one machine and just limit it to half of the job if we run into issues
 - **Jim** will reach out to the Key Club at the high school for 5 volunteers in the afternoon
- BirdTown
 - April 23 & 24 - Bird Walks at Central Park and Pine Run Reservoir
 - May 14 - Central Park
 - May 15 - Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve