

Doylestown Township EAC Monthly Meeting

August 9, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Ed Richardson (guest)
Jim Baldassarre
Chad Clem (virtual)
Anne Woodbury
Heidi Shiver
Jeannine Mitchell
Erich Neal
Jennifer Herring (Supervisor)
Stacy Crandell (TWP Staff)
Lauren Hahn

1. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Heidi & Jim provided a couple of revisions to last month's minutes
2. Budget Review
 - a. \$2067.85
 - i. Shows all the expenditures to date
3. New Business
 - a. Trash hauling in Doylestown TWP
 - i. Ed Richardson -Guest - 30 year resident - Trash situation evolved over the years. Has become more aware of the situation during Covid while working from home
 1. Trash trucks have the worst fuel mileage of all transportation
 2. 109 miles of TWP roads
 3. Highlighted the environmental, safety & noise hazards
 - a. 1 trash truck = 100 metric tons carbon/year
 4. 3 trash haulers in the TWP (a 4th is listed)
 5. Proposed the TWP strike an ordinance based on current market share of each hauler
 - a. A formal bidding process could be done in the future
 - b. If the billing were done JUST with the TWP it could reduce the administrative costs substantially
 6. Recommended a dedicated line for customer service for the TWP residents
 - ii. Stacey' Response - DEP is the only body that can license in the state of PA
 1. Can't control across interstate boundaries
 2. Would only have cost savings in Year 1
 3. Customer service will decline - provided examples of other TWP that have single hauler and are disappointed
 4. Would need to hire administrative TWP personnel to handle this service
 5. TWP is now responsible for the complaints
 - iii. Jen Herring Response - some history from when she first joined the Board. Residents of the TWP threw trash cans at the Board when this was last publicly discussed. Jen recalled it wasn't a serious consideration, but they were looking at a single hauler situation at that time.

1. Jen thought the multiple hauler scenario would add more complexity to the TWP
 - iv. Suggested that other advantages to the TWP taking control of this would be implementing Compost pick-up and more frequent yard waste
 - v. Jim - Environmentally "no brainer". What action can the EAC take now?
 - vi. Jim will put some thought to the formal EAC input to the Board
 1. Jim proposed a motion that BOS consider moving toward single-hauler as both an environmental and cost savings measure
 - a. Unanimously approved by board
- b. Website review
- i. Number of outdated or incorrect items on EAC website
 - ii. EAC needs to evaluate website and provide feedback to Stacey
- c. New EAC Member
- i. Ann Woodbury - Former Doylestown EAC member
- d. Strategic Plan review
- i. Provide any changes directly to Curt
 - ii. Need to ensure Single Hauler Trash is included
- e. RF100/Clean EnergyPa
- i. Stacey - went to Constellation (supplier) and asked for pricing for 100% renewable (0.95/kwh at PECO vs 0.73/kwh)
 1. Jim said that Constellation won't do Net Metering so we may lose any near-term cost savings after the solar array is installed
 2. Stacey made note of that for future negotiations to move back to Net Metering once the solar panels are installed
 3. DEP Climate action plan - Jim B. to follow-up with their leadership
 - a. We have been accepted into the program and students will be assigned this fall
- f. Butler Pike medians
- i. Jeff Schumacher spoke at the July EAC meeting and explained the ideal process is very lengthy and labor intensive
 1. Jim made a motion to proceed with a single till followed by seeding - not to exceed \$1000
 - a. Motion passed 5 Yays to 2 Nays
 - b. Spring seeding was recommended - this will hit next season's budget
 - c. TWP would prefer seeding during the week (rather than weekend)
 2. 3 options for treating
 - a. Jeff's recommendation (highest cost)
 - b. Till 1x and overseed (one time) and then mow 1-2x/year
 - c. Stop spraying and mow 1-2x/year
- g. Light pollution
- i. Erich wrote an article for the Newsletter addressing residents of the TWP
 1. He will route to the EAC for feedback

- ii. Stacy set a deadline for the Newsletter for Friday
 - iii. Stacy confirmed the TWP ordinance will not allow the light color to change to red
 - 1. Erich's pushback was that we TWP already using pink domes for breast cancer awareness
 - 2. Is there any literature out there comparing white vs red light as it relates to safety (human) - Erich to research this

 - h. Single use Plastic
 - i. Heidi completed the business list & routed to the EAC
 - NEXT STEPS:
 - 1. Heidi to create a list of resources for the website
 - 2. Heidi to create a letter for the January newsletter
 - 3. Heidi to reach out to the schools to engage them

 - i. Regional Summit
 - i. October 12 - 6:00-8:30 PM
 - 1. Need to solicit input/feedback in advance - Jim to f/u
 - ii. EAC Meeting is currently scheduled for October 11
 - iii. Stacy booked the room
 - iv. Jim issued a "Save The Date"
 - v. Topics: Watershed Friendly Properties, Energy, Single-Use Plastics, Deer mitigation - Overall MC is needed
 - 1. 30 Minutes per session (Max - 10 minute presentation & 20 minute discussion)
 - a. Anne suggested the presentations be limited to 5 min & leave 25 for discussion due to desire for collaboration/discussion by audience
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- j. Watershed Friendly Properties
 - i. Jeannine - needs to work with Chris Mason to attach the Watershed Certification sign to the Native Plant demo garden board
 - 1. Strategic Plan Committed to assessing 2 additional locations
 - 2. Jeannine recommended one location near Heidi's neighborhood Iron Gate basin
 - a. Jeannine will pick a date for the walk-thru and notify the EAC
 - b. Goal is to engage local TWP residents in the process
 - Jen recommended we work any communications through Stacy to avoid any legal issues involved in engaging local residents
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- k. Next Table events Aug 17 - Bird Town Focus
 - i. Heidi & Chad
 - ii. Need to update the EAC materials for the tabling events
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- l. Bird town updates
 - i. Native Plant Sale - October
 - ii. Signage - TWP has the ability to print an adhesive design to cover the current (outdated) BirdTown sign
 - iii. Heidi to present the BOS with Bird Town certificate next week
 - 1. Heidi to share with Stacy in advance of the meeting

Next Meeting September 13, 2022