

Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

ATTENDEES: Attendees: Jim Baldassarre, Chad Clem, Stacy Crandell, Jeannine Mitchell, Erich Neal, Curt Sawyer, Heidi Shiver, Jen Herring, Anne Woodbury

Guests:

Minutes reviewed and approved - no changes

- Budget Review
 - \$1760 was spent on bypass tornado tree planting - worked with Bucks Beautiful
 - EAC was not involved so that will be removed from the final 2022 budget
 - Stacy will follow-up
- New Business
 - EAC Reorganization
 - Jim was elected chair in previous meeting
 - Heidi was elected as Vice Chair in this meeting
 - Chad volunteered to continue to take minutes
- Ongoing Activity & Updates
 - Strategic Plan Review
 - Reaching out to high schools for signage/design as a marketing tool for Single Use Plastics - Chad to follow-up on contact at West
 - Deer Management - Curt would like to get the list of attendees from the previous summit - Jim to provide
 - Ready for 100 - EV Charging - Jim to resend article to Stacy
 - Watershed Friendly Properties - Goal is 2 lots/year - discussion of whether it should just be 1 lot annually, but
 - Stacy provided guidance that we cannot just "go in and do" the naturalization
 - Township staff and board level need to discuss the issues associated with some of the properties
 - First step is to involve TWP staff and NOT involve external parties
 - Jeannine explained that a meeting had occurred in Sept 2021 and the Watershed Friendly plan had been shared with the planning commission
 - The Sheridan Rd lot is being recommended to explore improvements of that TWP-owned lot. It is near a problematic basin that will need significant financial remediation but basins remediations are outside the scope of the WFP project..
 - Stacy will pull the minutes from the September 2021 meeting for the historical context and will talk with Jen as she has some first-hand knowledge of the discussions that were had
 - Need to add Light Pollution to the EAC Strategic Plan
 - Add the Heritage Tree Program to the EAC Strategic Plan
 - Add Hart's Woods - need to map out the ephemerals and remove invasives/burning bush
 - Follow-up with Curt with any additions/changes to the EAC Strategic Plan
 - Calendar Review

- March 25 is the first Native Garden Workday
- Earth Day/Arbor Day - Link Lenape Garden to Earth Day Event - Saturday April 22
- June 25 Workday for Ash Way Work Basin
- Lenape Recognition Garden
 - TWP approval on the plan
 - TWP staff will help prepare the site for the plan – Chad to mark area and indicate what is needed in the detailed plan
 - Need to determine if plaque can be removed
 - Anne will follow-up with Bucks Beautiful to see if they
 - Anne & Jeannine will assess the available rocks at Central Park
 - Anne recommended we create a new plaque that would not be affixed to the rock
 - Jim recommended that we have the detailed plan & budget at next month meeting (Feb)
- Single Use Plastics
 - Presenting to BOS on January 22
 - Jim to send the latest letter to Stacy and will determine who issues the letter
 - Heidi will include the campaign plan in the packet
 - Stacy needs all info by 8 am on Friday (1/13)
 - Burrough banned single use plastics in December
- Climate Action Plan
 - GGH inventory has been completed - 50% from transportation
 - Erich offered to join the team with Jim and Kurt
 - Heidi expressed that her husband John would like to join the team as a resident - Jim will follow-up
- Reducing Township Light Pollution
 - Stacy spoke with the chief, and he would be open to turning the lights off at certain times and would monitor the safety
 - Stacy said the current lights would need to be put on timers and they would build that into the work that is being done on the new TWP Rec Center
 - Stacy will see if there are PECO rebates for turning them off
- Bird Town
 - Annual Report is the biggest initiative right now
 - Jeannine to provide estimated volunteer hours for Native Plant Demo Garden - Heidi to f/u
 - Christmas bird count went very well - 40 species ID'ed - 10 more than last year
 - Blue bird house clean out is next big initiative
 - 2 new bird towns in PA - 38 in the state
 - New street signs have now been posted by the TWP