

Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

JULY 11, 2023

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

- Public Comment
 - John Shiver - Bird Town - Presented a check for \$500 to TWP EAC
 - This is a part of the \$10,000 that Penn Community Bank donated
 - Hopes that this can go toward native plant install

John also shared the water pump (POPULO Hybrid Water Transfer Pump, about \$140), that was purchased to water the trees in the Ash Way basin that is being restored
- Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2023
 - Approved
- Budget Review
 - About \$2500 remaining (does not include expenses for floating garden)
- New Business:
 - Heritage Tree Program
 - Marcello M. volunteered to help Anne with the effort
 - Now measured 6 trees - Respondents saw it in e-news blast
 - 5 Residents
 - Champion Tree
 - Significant Tree (tree that doesn't meet the standard for Champion)
 - Anne has a mock up of the certificate but can't edit on her computer
 - Will work with Stacy to edit
 - Anne requested up to \$250 materials for the program to be able to measure
 - Suggested doing a feature on this program and the trees in the fall newsletter
 - Need to determine if/how to list the addresses of the residents of the Champion trees
 - Does the application ask for their permission?
 - Naturalized TWP property follow-up from previous meeting guests voicing concern.
 - Stacy and Jeannine visited the property
 - It looked very pleasing to the TWP but the residents thought it looked unkempt and were very upset
 - The TWP agreed to resume mowing
 - Joint Meeting with Parks and Rec in October
 - Parks and Rec suggested a joint meeting in fall 2023
 - Jim is going to meet with their chair to discuss a joint agenda
 - Topics to discuss

- Signage
 - Clear the air on funding for golf outing
 - Send ideas to Jim offline for agenda items
- Annual Summit
 - Do we want to conduct one?
 - We have been invited to one in Upper Dublin and EAC Network
 - Team aligned with not hosting one this year but rather get involved in the other 2 EAC Summits
- Bird Town Updates
 - Heidi Shiver was absent from the meeting and will share updates offline
- Recycling Facility tour at WM, Philadelphia
 - Jim reached out to Waste Management and will coordinate dates probably in October
 - Location is in Lower Bucks
 - Max group size is 8
 - Must wear closed toed shoes
 - Only during business hours
- Native Plant Garden/Central Park Pond/Lenape Garden
 - Native Demo Garden certified as Pollinator Friendly Garden every 6 weeks (Penn State Extension)
 - Group agreed to pay the \$30 for the certification
 - Jeannine meeting with representatives from other groups from Bucks Co. Demonstration Garden Association on a quarterly basis
 - Will have access to signage from Penn State Extension Master Gardener Network
 - Jeannine needs a good photo for the garden to incorporate into the signage
 - Jim suggested he has a semi-professional photographer that can help
 - Central Park Pond - Erich installed floating garden
 - Suggested installation of a larger floating filtration garden at the infeed of the pond
 - Stacy recommended that Chris and Dave needed to be looped into the conversation
 - Jeannine suggested that Erich work with his Master Watershed Extension contact for the signage she has access to.
- Knotweed on the Neshaminy Trail
 - Tabling topic - bringing up at next month's meeting
- Climate Action Planning/Board Presentation August 15
 - Jim and Kurt providing an update to the BOS in August
 - List of top 25 energy users in the TWP will be contacted.

- Request for faculty volunteers from DelVal got 3 volunteers and a meeting will be arranged
- Watershed Friendly Properties (Sheridan Rd/Ash Way)
 - Project was slowed due to the bid process on the tree removal
 - Team will stop collecting cardboard for the effort
 - Jeannine to communicate to Kara Raymond
- Single Use plastics action; next steps?
 - Stacy said the solicitor is in the middle of several other initiatives and plastic is a lower priority
 - Likely will not get reviewed until the fall or early next year.
 - Kurt will reach out to the Borough EAC contact to see if there has been any public or business feedback
- Adjournment
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM