

## Doylestown Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017

In attendance:

J. Baldassarre  
M. Brooks  
T. Casas  
S. Mason  
J. Mitchell (Chair)  
D. Richardson (Vice Chair)  
A. Susten (Intern)  
A. Woodbury

Guests: Heidi Shiver, Donna Seif

Meeting minutes for October are approved.

Old Business:

Budget review: Budget line listing was reviewed. About \$4500 remains for this year. Potential projects for this year were considered. All spending needs to be invoiced by mid December

- Labeling/stenciling storm water drains for the township. A. Susten to find out how many drains there are and the best method for marking them.
- Sponsored Oak tree needs to be paid for
- EAC shirts need to be paid for
- Tick safety brochure. EAC agreed to pay for 500 additional brochures to be distributed in the township
- Six foot EAC banner. A. Susten to finalize the images for next meeting
- Native plant garden sign cannot be completed this year

Donna Seif is requesting assistance from the EAC for erosion around the stream bank behind her home. J. Mitchell, M. Brooks and A. Susten will arrange to visit the property and make recommendations.

Heritage Tree designations: M. Brooks and D. Richardson evaluated a tree on the Schumacher property (White Oak) and Schorr property (White Ash). Both qualify as heritage trees. A. Susten will prepare certificates and invite the property owners to the next EAC for presentation.

New members: The EAC is currently 1 member short. New members will be solicited to join.

Global climate change resolution: There was agreement that we should further explore the possibility of creating a township resolution on climate change. To implement such a resolution we would need to do

an emissions inventory, either through a university or some other NGO. EAC agreed to have a teleconference or video conference with the Township supervisor from Ferguson Pa to get more information. We may also invite the Ferguson supervisor or EAC to the EAC Summit in 2018. T. Casas will arrange the next meeting.

Bird-friendly Pa: J. Mitchell provided a sample letter and packet she has prepared for her neighborhood to encourage bird friendly gardening. If successful this could be a model for other EAC members.

The EAC was asked by Parks and Rec to recommend trees to be donated as memorials by residents. After deliberation, the suggested trees are Scarlet Oak, Red or Sugar Maple, Catalpa and Kentucky Coffee Tree.

Old Business:

A. Susten provided sample invitation for the Garden Party and revisions were suggested. A. Woodbury will explore having the Artmobile project participate in the celebration as well. Artmobile is a traveling art museum organized by Bucks Community College which is currently featuring native plant gardening. J. Baldassarre and H. Shiver will look for possible musical entertainment and report back.

The EAC needs to decide how many container trees to purchase and when is the deadline to accept orders. Several possible vendors were considered. M. Brooks will call Gino's nursery to see if they can provide these and get prices.

The Native Plant garden has been completely transformed over the last few weeks, with lots of volunteers, clearing of the area by the Township and M. Brooks, and donations of plants, shrubs, trees, mulch, woodchips and labor. Special thanks to Gino's Nursery for a substantial donation of materials, and CB National Honor Society for student volunteers. The township will deliver additional mulch which will be provided by the Township and which will be spread in the spring. Over winter we will need to create labels, an index, and QR codes for internet data (possible link to Missouri Botanical Gardens website with acknowledgements). J. Mitchell to organize next steps with help from J. Baldassarre and A. Susten