

Doylestown Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes, October 9 2018

J. Baldassarre
M. Brooks
T. Casas
J. Herring (Supervisor)
S. Mason (Township Manager)
J. Mitchell (Chair)
A. Susten (Special Projects Coordinator)
A. Woodbury
Bill Sabey. Ready for 100 (Guest)

Meeting Minutes were approved

Budget was reviewed. \$2294 remains in the 2018 budget. The EAC approved spending up to \$600 for 4 participants to the Land Ethics Symposium.

New Business:

Bill Sabey gave a PowerPoint presentation on Ready for 100, an initiative through the Sierra Club to have municipalities commit to 100% renewable energy by 2050. Doylestown Twp is the first community in Bucks that has been approached. The EAC has a copy of the presentation available to share. The EAC also has access to the Sierra Club resources and can connect with the Montgomery County Ready 100 group. The EAC believes this is an important initiative. J. Baldassarre and T. Casas will connect with Bill to continue the discussions before considering a proposal to the Township.

J. Herring reminds us that the cost of curbside recycling is going up. This is due in part to China refusing to accept US recyclables due to contamination (food waste). Historically, township residents have not wanted a single waste hauler for the township, and individuals can shop for the best price and service level. The Supervisors have asked the EAC to create an awareness/education campaign for residents to learn about best practices for recycling. The EAC will see what materials already exist for public awareness. Materials could be used at table events, website, newsletter and DTV.

H. Shiver has created a first draft of the EAC Long term Strategic Plan. The plan is very comprehensive, and is endorsed by the EAC. The document will be reviewed regularly for updates as circumstances require. H. Shiver will now use the plan to create a set of actions and owners.

J. Mitchell attended the Warminster EAC event on EV infrastructure. The event was informative but poorly attended.

Unfinished Business:

The Bicentennial Oaks are being delivered and volunteers are needed to plant on Oct 13 and Oct 20. The township is advertising the event. J. Mitchell will contact CB West for student volunteers.

Owen Neal Eagle Scout project. A site has been selected for the insect hotel. The site will be cleared in the fall and installed in the spring.

The grassland bird educational sign for Pine Run has been designed and will be sent out for printing. It will be installed by Thanksgiving.

Other unfinished business was tabled due to lack of time.

Old Business:

The EAC Fall Speaker Series event with Larry Weaner was well attended. J. Mitchell asks that we create an 'event checklist' to simplify organizing future events and speakers. A. Susten will make a first draft checklist.

The Native Plant Demonstration Garden award will be recognized by the Board of Supervisors on November 20 at 7 pm. All EAC members are encouraged to attend.

Bird town has been active with another table event in Central Park on September 29, which was well attended.

The proposal to offer incentives for 'green' development within the township (Green Points) is progressing with the Board of Supervisors.

Details of the ArtMobile visit to Kutz Elementary in April remain uncertain. J. Mitchell is still in discussions with the Principal at Kutz.

Next EAC Meeting will be held on November 13 at 7 pm.