

Doylestown EAC Meeting Minutes

July, 10, 2018

In attendance:

J. Mitchell Chair

M. Brooks

J. Herring Supervisors

A. Susten Special Projects Coordinator

S. Mason Township Manager

Guests:

Mr. and Mrs. Hoy

Minutes were tabled because there was no quorum.

General ledger was reviewed. Both the GL and the Budget vs. Actual were discussed. Jen recommended having both to see line by line purchases, expenses and reimbursements.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoy spoke about Citizens Climate Lobby. They expressed that it was founded with the purpose of creating political change in Congress for a sustainable world. They want the EAC to be part of the process. The CLL's preferred climate solution is a carbon fee and dividend policy. The economic model was done by Regional Economic Model INC. and can be viewed on their website. Jen Herring asked the Hoy's what they want from local municipalities. They expressed the EAC would be the start of the conversation to go from EAC to the Board of Supervisors to Congress Fitzpatrick, who they ultimately want to speak with. Stephanie asked if there are any other municipalities in Bucks that have endorsed them. They said they spoke with Yardley and Newtown but admitted that their town, Wrightstown, does not support and they said it is because their board does not believe in climate change.

After much discussion from the CLL, Jeannine expressed that she needed more time to digest the information and do more research. She personally expressed her concerns of creating a business model on environmental problems. Stephanie suggested they speak at a county association meeting to reach a broader audience.

EAC's long term goals involve Parks and Recreation working together for invasive plant removal and creating a pesticide and herbicide policy. Sustainable energy is also something to be introduced in our park buildings as well as the new township building.

In depth E.V Charging Stations discussion was tabled for long range planning. Stephanie suggested speaking with the Planning Commission for introducing E.V charging into commercial development. Protocol for charging stations –

1. Research
2. Memo to board
3. Work with planning commission
 - a. Create amendment to encourage E.V charging stations in new developments in Township.

Long range planning. The Sierra Club has a renewable energy in 2035 for electricity in place. STAR community helps organizations plan their sustainable future. This program costs money but they offer informational packets.

Jeannine has not heard back about getting more EAC handbooks. She is going to reach out again.

Friday 7/13 the Native Plant garden will be judged. A work day is planned for Thursday, 7/12 from 4pm-6pm to get the garden at its best for judging.

EAC must get their 2019 budget request in by September 2018. Andrea will ask Ken what the average has been the past couple years. Stephanie suggests creating categories such as speakers, signs, events, etc. to get a number for the budget.

HOA list already exists and Stephanie will send to Jeannine so the EAC can send out information about invasive plants and landscaping.

Sauerman Pond: Stephanie has been in contact with Fred Lubnow from Princeton Hydro. The application will be sent by its due date, Friday, July 13th 2018. The application will be incomplete as the BOS needs to sign a resolution, which is part of the application process. The resolution and project details will be presented at the next BOS meeting on Tuesday, July 17th, 2018. All parties involved are currently up to date.

Bicentennial Trees: Jen questioned if the EAC is in fact counting the 100 trees from Bucks Beautiful. She questions if at the BOS meeting it should be announced that we have reached 200 trees.

August meeting is questionable. Jeannine might be on vacation as well as Don, who is the vice chair as well as the senior member.

Next meeting, is held, will be August 14, 2018 at 7pm.