

Doylestown Township EAC

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2019

J. Baldassarre
M. Brooks
J. Herring (Supervisor)
S. Mason (Township Manager)
J. Mitchell (Chair)
D. Richardson (Vice Chair)
H. Shiver
A. Susten (Special Projects)
D. Tomko (Director of Operations)
Joe Wallace Guest, Doylestown Borough EAC
D. Wood (Supervisor -Elect)
A. Woodbury

Minutes were approved with corrections (sent to A. Susten)

Budget was reviewed

New Business:

The faded signs near the native plant garden will be replaced with 2 new signs describing the importance of trees. These should be completed by Arbor Day 2020. A subcommittee will be created to develop the signs.

There is a new grant cycle for Growing Greener to support the renovation of Sauerman Park Pond. Fred Lublow will pursue this with DEP. A collaboration with Del Val University could make this grant application more attractive. Fred will meet with T. Casas to see how DVU can collaborate with the TWP for this grant.

Old Business:

D. Tomko provided some information to the EAC.

- The Township does not brine roads. He does not know where PennDOT gets its brine water but he will ask.
- The Township got some rebates from PECO for the new building efficiencies. There may be more opportunities for efficiency in the parks.
- The Township is seeking a Growing Greener grant from PECO to be used for tree planting in Poole's Corner. In addition, the EAC is applying for a grant through Bucks Beautiful, and the application period will open after December 31. D. Tomko will get the site plan to assist with planning the tree planting. Joe Wallace from Doylestown Borough will coordinate with M. Brooks for the tree and shrub selection. A. Susten will coordinate the meeting.

The EAC is planning a riparian buffer planting in Central Park (near Kids Castle) on April 22, 2020. Bucks County Master Watershed Stewards will lead this effort; 15 plants have been acquired through a grant.

J. Mitchell and A. Woodbury attended the Warminster EAC Summit. Main topics of discussion were single use plastics and groundwater quality.

Doylestown Borough has passed and is enacting a single use plastic ordinance. Joe Wallace will share that ordinance with the EAC. J. Mitchell suggests that we create a subcommittee for single use plastics. The EAC would also like to post a survey about single use plastics, but should clear this with the BoS first; J. Herring will address this. The survey will be very similar to that used by the Borough. It will be posted on the Township's new website and FB page in the new year.

The new native plant brochure is ready for production. H. Shiver will arrange for 100 copies and also some posters. D. Wood has identified appropriate display cases to be put in the outdoor environmental classroom; a motion was approved to spend up to \$300 for the display case. Invasive plant workshops will be offered 3 times per year to educate about and remove such invasive as garlic mustard, oriental bittersweet, multiflora rose, oriental honeysuckle, autumn olive, and phragmites (common reed). Timing is critical, so the months of March, May, and October might be the best choices. The EAC would like to organize 3 workshops each year, on the same weekends, and would like to work in conjunction with the borough.

J. Baldassarre will step away as BirdTown Coordinator. H. Shiver will take over, and an announcement will be sent out.

H. Shiver has volunteered to write an article for the next Township newsletter on the topic of pesticide use and the decline of native insects which is contributing to the steep decline in native birds.

The last Ready for 100 meeting at Del Val University was well attended. The next meeting will be held on February 5 at 7pm. The EAC agreed with S. Mason that the EAC should present a brief overview of the Ready for 100 program to the BoS at the second meeting in January (January 21).

A. Woodbury explained the details of her proposal for 'Ten days for Trees' from April 16 to 25, 2020, leading up to Arbor Day. The final event will be a tree and shrub planting in the new Poole's Corner parking area. A budget will be needed for the musical entertainment (Jess and the Mansplainers); a film will be shown at the County Theater, and the theater has agreed to waive its fee. The proposed movie is 'Call of the Forest'. In addition, we would like to have students develop oral histories of people and their relationship with trees. A. Woodbury will discuss this with Joe Wallace.

The next EAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec 10 at 7pm.