

Doylestown EAC Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2019

J. Baldassarre
M. Brooks
J. Mitchell (Chair)
H. Shiver
K. Snyder (Supervisor)
A. Susten (Special Projects Coordinator)
A. Woodbury

Guests:

Owen Neal
Erich Neal
Steve Nelson with Amada, Ashley and Myles (DVU students)
Andrea Strout (Buckingham EAC)

January Meeting Minutes are approved; there was no meeting in February due to snow

Budget was reviewed. Tickets for the Land Ethics Symposium were charged to the 2019 budget, although the plan was to expense those in 2018. A. Susten will check to see if those can be moved to 2018 expenses.

A. Woodbury offered a toast with cookies for several recent accomplishments. Thank you Ann.

New Business:

Our Native Plant Demonstration Garden has won the Bowman's Hill Land Ethics Award, and the award will be presented on March 14. Two free tickets to the LES will be given to Ken Snyder and Danny McBride.

EAC will participate in Earth Day with a table at the Bucks County Audubon Society 50th anniversary event. We recommend that this become an annual event.

We have a nomination for a Heritage Tree in Furlong. M. Brooks and D. Richardson to inspect and report back to the EAC.

Lambertville NJ has enacted a ban on single use plastic. There is interest at the EAC to explore this also for Doylestown TWP and maybe the Boro as well. We don't know the specifics at this time. This could be a topic for the EAC Summit this summer. A. Susten will contact Lambertville to get more information and extend an invitation to the Summit.

The strategic plan was reviewed and updated. Deer population management will be added to the plan. J. Baldassarre will also check the EAC calendar to be sure the EAC Summit planning activities are captured there.

Andrea Strout from Buckingham EAC introduced herself and there was a discussion about how the 2 EACs might work together.

Bird Town:

Last year a decision was made to hold separate Bird Town meetings, to be more inclusive of the boro. Since this hasn't happened and attendance has been poor, we will now combine the Bird Town meetings with the EAC. All Bird Town members will be notified and encouraged to attend the EAC meetings.

Bluebird boxes were identified, cleaned and documented in February. Eight volunteers found and cleaned approximately 40 boxes.

Next birdwalk is scheduled for May 4. H. Shiver will confirm with Diane Smith and A. Susten will create a flyer and post the event on Facebook.

Old business/Unfinished Business:

Steve Nelson and the graduate students from DVU discussed their proposal to do a feasibility assessment for moving to renewable energy as per the 'Ready for 100' goals. Three students will develop a plan and deliver a presentation to the EAC on May 14; the event will be advertised to the BoS and interested parties. Forty-five minutes will be allocated for the presentation and discussion. The students will need to collect data from the TWP staff and are encouraged to do so as soon as feasible.

Owen Neal confirms that his proposal for a bee hotel (Pollinator Palace) has been accepted by the BSA, and he received a donation of material from M. Brooks. He is now fundraising for supplies (www.gofundme.com/manage/pollinator-palace-eagle-scout-project) and expects to install the bee hotel in April or May. The EAC recommends that he create signage to explain the project and how others might create their own hotels.

EAC will sponsor a speaker on April 3 at DVU: Dare 2B Tick Aware (Lyme Disease prevention). J. Baldassarre will distribute this to the other EACs and will video the event. J. Mitchell will host and make introductions.

A subcommittee is working on replacing 2 old educational signs in the wetlands near the Native Plant Garden.

A date has been set for the dedication of the Old Growth Forest NetWork, November 2. M. Brooks will do a tree identification walk. However, the Nature Conservancy trails don't connect with the TWP trails, so we'll need to work out a planned for walking. There is a proposal to set up a pop-up table on New Britain Rd near the NC trailhead. There will be a meeting on March 26 to look at the site and make further plans.

J. Mitchell had a first outdoor lesson on invasive species with the CB West AP Environmental Studies class at the outdoor classroom. Invasive weeds were discussed, identified and removed. The next class will be on April 11. M. Brooks has offered to help identify trees.

TerraCycle was evaluated by J. Baldassarre as a possible means of increasing recycling. However, it is highly specialized and probably not useful for most residents. It may be useful for certain business owners who have particular material to recycle.

The Pine Run Reservoir grassland bird signs have been installed. The planned celebration has been canceled to minimize further disturbance of the area.

EAC name badges were agreed and A. Susten will arrange printing at a cost of about \$5 each.

The EAC online calendar is available to all. A.Susten will maintain this but everyone has access to add information.

The EAC needs to create a plan for the EAC Summit. The EAC would like to develop a reusable template for the event. J. Baldassarre will arrange an offline meeting to start this process.

The family nature walk will be postponed till the fall due to the workload of the EAC.

Spotted lanternfly information and scrape cards were distributed.

Next meeting is April 9, 2019