

Doylestown Township  
Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2019

J. Baldassarre  
M. Brooks  
T. Casas  
J. Herring (Supervisor)  
J. Mitchell (Chair)  
H. Shiver  
A. Susten (Special Projects Coordinator)  
A. Woodbury  
D. Richardson (Vice-Chair)

Alice Britain	Guest
Jane and Owen Neal	Guest
D. Wood	Guest

March meeting minutes were approved with minor corrections

Budget was reviewed

Old Business:

Owen Neal updated the EAC on progress towards the Insect Hotel and submitted text for the sign. The EAC will provide some comments on the format and content of the sign before installation, and Township staff can assist with fabrication and installation.

Bird Town will sponsor a bird walk on May 4 and this has been advertised and emailed to the BT distribution list. We request a sign also be posted near the bird blind. We also raised the possibility of having communities with an HOA have the entire community consider becoming bird-friendly property.

The EAC will support an EarthDay event BCAS on April 13, with a theme of 'recycling', and the EAC reviewed signage for the event. J. Baldassarre, A. Woodbury and A. Susten will man the table.

M. Brooks and D. Richardson will evaluate a proposed Heritage Tree before the next meeting.

The EAC Summit is scheduled for June 12 at Del Val University, from 6:30 to 8:30. The format will encourage dialog, and there will be 2 themes discussed: single use plastic ban and Ready for 100 renewable energy. J. Baldassarre will finalize an agenda and distribute to the EAC regional list, asking from RSVP before June 7. Snacks will be provided. There was also a suggestion to invite candidates for local office.

A subcommittee is developing new educational signage for the wetland area near Kids Castle. In addition, and new informational flyer on Native Plants is being developed, which will align with the new Native Plant and Landscaping Ordinance. This informational flyer will be part of a New Residents packet from the Township.

The Del Val grad students will present to their findings related to renewable energy at the next EAC meeting. Supervisors and other interested parties should be invited. J. Baldassarre will work with A. Susten to distribute a notification.

Fall speaker. Kristen Winters has agreed to speak. She does not want an honorarium but would be happy with a donation to the Fonthill Arboretum. Date not yet set, but Sept 20 and Oct 18 are being proposed. This could be held in the new Township Building.

The first work day for the Native Plant Demonstration garden was held on March 23, with over 20 volunteers. J. Mitchell is requesting funding for additional spring ephemeral plants, and M. Brooks is recommending a small grove of sassafras trees. The EAC voted to authorize spending up to \$500 on plants, and up to \$250 for trees. In addition, A. Woodbury informs the EAC that the Township will ask the EAC to recommend landscaping for the new Township building. Since June is not an optimal time for planting, the EAC will likely recommend a display of annuals for the opening event, and permanent plantings in the fall. The costs of this landscaping should not come out of the EAC budget. A. Woodbury to coordinate this.

The Old Growth Forest Network dedication for Hart's Woods is scheduled for November 2 from 1-3pm. A DART bus will be provided to shuttle visitors between the walking paths.

The CB West AP Environmental Sciences class will have an outdoor class in Central Park with April 11 to survey trees, with mentoring by J. Mitchell, M. Brooks and H. Shiver. J. Baldassarre will videotape the event.

A. Susten has finalized the EAC name badges and will distribute these before EarthDay.

The EAC/Parks and Rec joint meeting is moved to 6pm on Tuesday May 14.

J. Herring informs the EAC that the Greenpoints ordinance to encourage green building practices in the township will be voted on by the BoS on May 7 at 5pm. EAC members are encouraged to attend.

The next EAC meeting will be held on May 14; 6pm for joint meeting with Parks and Res, followed by regular meeting at 7. Forty five minutes of the EAC meeting will be dedicated to the report from the Del Val graduate students on Assessment of Ready for 100 program for Doylestown Township.