

Doylestown Township EAC Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2019

J. Baldassarre
M. Brooks
T. Casas
J. Herring (Supervisor)
J. Mitchell (Chairperson)
D. Richardson (Vice Chair)
H. Shiver
A. Susten (Special Projects Coordinator)
D. Wood (Guest)
A. Woodbury
Jane Neal (Guest)
Owen Neal (Guest)
S. Nelson, Myles, Amanda and Ashley, (Del Val Student Presenters)

Minutes for April were approved.

Budget was reviewed

New Business:

M. Brooks has a property for development which may come before the EAC. D. Richardson will review the plans and M. Brooks will recuse himself from any vote.

The Del Val students presented their findings and recommendations for Doylestown Ready for 100. They noted the seriousness of global climate change, including an increase in the number of days over 90° will increase from 10 days per year to 40 days per year, and over 100° from 2 days per year to 24 by 2100. They offered a number of suggestions for moving towards 100% renewable energy. Wind power is not a good option but solar is possible. Biodiesel and no-idle police cars could be an option in the short term to reduce carbon emissions, but all electric fleet would be better. They will submit a written report, and the presentation was videotaped. The EAC thanked them for doing this. The Ready for 100 subcommittee will meet to make a recommendation on next steps. We should create a roadmap for next steps. J. Baldassarre will reach out to Penn State Facility Engineering Institute to see if they can assist.

In follow up to the joint meeting with Parks and Rec, the EAC should coordinate a date with P&R to do an invasive plant workshop. In fact, EAC has already scheduled Saturday October 18 as a day for 'Burning Bush' identification and removal. This should be communicated to Karen Sweeney.

Subcommittees:

A bird walk was held on May 4 but was poorly attended. EAC recommends holding the event on the same weekends every year, and avoid conflict with other park events. Second Saturday in May is suggested.

The Earth Day event at Bucks County Audubon Society was successful, and the EAC recommends that this become our annual Earth Day activity.

M. Brooks and D. Richardson inspected a Heritage tree which deserves recognition. It's a red maple, approximately 110 years old. A. Susten should notify the homeowners and create a certificate. In addition, the EAC would to create an on-line list of the township heritage trees, perhaps including photos.

The EAC Summit is scheduled for June 12 at Del Val University. The agenda has been drafted and invitations have been sent. The main themes will be Ready for 100 and single use plastic ban.

The wetland signage needs to be replaced. A subcommittee will meet on June 5 to design the new sign.

The CB West AP Environmental Sciences class in the park scheduled for May 17 will be rescheduled.

A certain amount of money left over from the Bicentennial event will be reallocated to the EAC, approximately \$1000. The use of this money was discussed. Certain deer-damaged trees could be replaced.

The EAC had previously been asked to advise on the plantings around the new building. However, it appears that there is much less space than previously recognized, and it may be impossible to create a meaningful garden. Jen Herring will clarify with the Rick Shea what areas are to be planted. The EAC would also like a tour of the area to be planted.

Old Business:

Owen Neal let us know that the installation of the bee hotel is complete and he is waiting for the sign to be installed. The EAC will also install a small plaque to recognize Owens contribution. There is a some left-over money from his project Owen which will be donated to the EAC.

Additional agenda items were deferred due to time.

The next EAC meeting will be on June 11 2019 at 7pm