

Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2019

In attendance,

J. Baldassarre
M. Brooks
J. Herring (Supervisor)
D. Richardson (Chair)
H. Shiver
A. Susten (Special Projects Coordinator)
D. Wood
A. Woodbury

Minutes from August approved

Budget reviewed. Only 20% of the annual budget has been spent. We anticipate modest spending for wetland signs, brochures, and the Old Growth Forest Network reception. The EAC would also reimburse J. Baldassarre for wood for birdhouses.

The table event table cover will cost about \$500. A. Susten will submit a design.

Native plant brochure box is needed. D. Wood will design, but the EAC wants to look at the location before he completes the design. The EAC will look at the propose location at the next Garden workday.

BirdTown report: the bird walk on September 6 was well attended with about 13 participants, including 3 children. Dates for 2020 will be selected at the next EAC meeting. A BirdTown Summit will be held at BCAS on Oct 26 from 10-3.

Ready for 100: The subcommittee provided a draft resolution, white paper with action plan and some supporting materials. J. Herring was supportive of moving this forward. The next step is to meet with each of the Supervisors to make them familiar with the goals of the program; H. Shiver is making appointments. J. Baldassarre will also notify S. Mason. The EAC will host a Sierra Club event to kick-off the Bucks County Ready for 100 program, the event to be held on Thursday September 19 at 7pm. J. Baldassarre will arrange refreshments. The event will be videorecorded but not published until the Supervisors had had a chance to review the information.

Plastic ban. The State has passed a law putting a moratorium on local ordinances restricting use of plastic bags. Nevertheless, the survey in Doylestown Boro was overwhelmingly in favor of a ban on single use plastics. Doylestown TWP will also conduct a survey, using questions identical to those from the Boro. A. Susten to create the survey and get it posted on the Township website.

The Native Plant Brochure is under review and the subcommittee should finish the revisions by October 10.

The new wetlands signs are in preparation.

The Old Growth Forest Network event will be held on November 2 from 1-3. The EAC is meeting with The Nature Conservancy tomorrow (Sept 11) to continue preparations.

M. Brooks and D. Richardson will meet with the Township facilities staff to create a plant list for the gardening around the new TWP building.

There has been no activity n a new grant to remediate Sauerman Park Pond. J. Baldassarre to follow up with Fred Lubnow at Princeton Hydro.

A. Woodbury proposed a program related to Arbor Day. The program is a "Ten Days for Trees" event leading up to Arbor Day, with a variety of tree related activities around the Boro and TWP, involve tree planting around the new bypass at Poole's Corner to be done in collaboration with the Boro, as well as educational events, tree give-aways and school- and family-oriented events. There was a lot of enthusiasm for this idea and an action plan and funding will be discussed at the next meeting.

H. Shiver has obtained a very informative brochure on mosquito prevention. We have permission to reprint it and she will arrange for 300 copies, and the information to be posted on the TWP website.