Doylestown EAC Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020

In Attendance:

J. Baldassarre T. Casas J. Cogshall (guest) M. Brooks D. Wood (Supervisor) J. Mitchell (Chair) R. Ryan (guest) H. Shiver A. Susten (Special Projects) J. Schumacher (guest) A. Woodbury

Minutes from January were approved

Budget was reviewed. Doylestown TWP and Borough each agreed to \$1500 towards 10 Days for Trees. In addition, we qualify for the \$1500 matching grant from Bucks Beautiful. The TWP did not get the PECO Growing Greener grant, and thus we have \$4500 for the thee Arbor Day activities without use of EAC budget. Other costs (honoraria and refreshments) will come from the EAC budget.

Based on this budget, J. Schumacher and M. Brooks will meet with Chris Mason to select trees, and the Township can purchase those on behalf of the EAC. A. Susten to arrange the meeting. J. Schumacher will inspect the soil prior to planting. In addition to the Arbor Day trees, the EAC agreed to purchase 7 Sassafras trees for the Native Plant Garden.

A resident has called to express concern about vines which are covering the pine trees along Rt 611. These trees are the responsibility of PennDOT. D. Wood will check with the TWP maintenance dept about clearing those vines.

With the loss of Don Richardson, we have an opening on the EAC. This has been posted on the TWP website and will also be posted on the FB page.

A joint meeting with Parks and Rec will be scheduled for March. One issue will be the sustainability of the new Rec Center in Central Park.

The TAB is seeking additional video. Two suggestions are 'Introduction to the EAC', including an interview with J. Mitchell, and a promotional video for 10 Days for Trees. J. Mitchell, A. Woodbury, A. Susten to meet with TAB this week to plan.

Ten Days for Trees planning was review in detail. Bucks Beautiful has agreed to provide up to 500 seedlings for distribution during the event. Planting instructions should also be provided. Bruce Beans is proposing to interview Dave Benner about his life and career. J. Baldassarre has agreed to videotape when A. Woodbury sets the date and location. The movie and other events should be advertised in the Patch, the Herald and the Intell. H. Shiver suggests that we do a press release. D. Wood will determine

the procedure to do this. J. Schumacher will try to identify a source for container tress for the pop-up forest. EAC members and other volunteers should sign up for stations during the 10 day event, and A. Susten will create a web based sign-up sheet.

T. Casas reported on the previous Bucks County Ready for 100 meeting. The event was not well publicized and attendance was light. Steve Clark presented on PECO energy incentives by TC. The agreement was to hold the meeting on the 1st Wednesday of every month at Del Val University; the next meeting will be on March 4 at 7pm.

Additional Native Plant Brochures will be printed.

The display case at the outdoor education area has not yet been placed. A. Susten will inquire about the holdup. The Edgar Putnam sign also needs to be replaced.

H. Shiver reported from the last Bird Town meeting. The bluebird house cleanout will take place on March 1 at 10am. She has already distributed instructions.

The EAC would like to print recycling reminder refrigerator magnets based on one created by the Borough. A. Susten has created one. The EAC agreed to print 50 as a test. A. Susten will ask our local trash haulers for financial support for additional magnets.

The single use plastic survey has been launched on the TWP website. It will also be advertised on the Patch and the FB page.

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