

Doylestown Township EAC Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2021

J. Baldassarre
J. Mitchell (Chair)
C. Sawyer
H. Shiver
A. Walizer (Assist. TWP Manager)
D. Wood (Supervisor)
A. Woodbury (Vice Chair)
Steve Dylinski (guest)
Jane Malczyk (guest)

November meeting minutes were approved.

Budget Issues:

The cost of printing the pesticide brochures was eliminated as these can be printed inhouse. The EAC voted to spend \$150 to become charter members of Bucks Beautiful for 2022. The EAC also voted to reimburse J. Baldassarre \$25 for the cost of the EAC Network Summit in February.

The EAC voted to authorize \$250 for speaker Richard McCoy of Horticultural Services Inc to talk about organic land care. This will come out of the 2022 budget.

With regard to possible future grants, volunteers should track their hours spent on various projects, as volunteer hours can be used as 'in-kind contributions' towards grant matching dollars. Labor usually valued at \$20/hour.

New Business:

Anne Woodbury is leaving the EAC as her current term has ended. We thank Anne for her innumerable contributions to the TWP over these last 6 years of service. New candidates will be sought to fill this open spot as soon as possible. Interested persons should contact Aaron Walizer.

Jeannine Mitchell is stepping down as Chair of the EAC and will remain a member. We thank Jeannine for her visionary leadership which has led the EAC to many notable accomplishments over the last 4 years.

The EAC voted to elect J. Baldassarre as the next EAC Chair. The BOS will need to approve this selection at the BOS reorganization meeting in January. Once this has been finalized, the EAC can elect a Vice Chair and re-evaluate current roles.

The EAC agreed that future meetings will begin at 6:30 pm to allow an earlier end time for all.

Video conference participation at meetings may be allowed under some circumstances. The EAC agrees that community participation would be greater if video participation were allowed, but this is not currently allowed for Class 2 municipalities.

Ongoing Business:

H. Shiver has connected with some of the Supervisors for feedback on the issue of single-use plastic. A number of suggestions have been made to improve the resolution. This issue will be revisited in January once she has had feedback from the remaining supervisors.

Strategic Plan: A new 3 Year Strategic Plan is needed next year. C. Sawyer has volunteered to begin drafting the plan. It was suggested to include timelines and measurable targets for projects where appropriate. Priorities may include:

- Deer management
- Single-use plastic
- Native Plant garden and environmental education
- Recycling Event
- Lenape Memorial plantings
- Developing children's programs with Lisa Pearsall or possibly CBSD Environmental Clubs
- Energy Transition Plan and Sustainability Plan
- Poole's Corner plantings/Arbor Day
- Bird Town
- Pesticides
- EAC awareness and pamphlet

Native American Memorial plantings: The local Lenape Tribal Council has accepted the idea that the Memorial is acceptable as-is and the plaque wording is good. It should be replanted with meaningful native plants. Bucks Beautiful will likely participate and support this. A planting plan will be developed.

Pesticide Brochure: The brochure is essentially complete, and about 50 copies have been printed in-house and these will be placed for distribution and used in conjunction with the speaker in March.

Subcommittees:

Deer mitigation project: C. Sawyer is contacting other EACs to arrange a follow up meeting in early 2022. Public awareness of the problem and education about various possible is crucial element of any plan.

Bird Town: H. Shiver informs us that Bird Town has decided on a number of events for the upcoming year. The Christmas Bird Count will be held on Sunday, December 26. H. Shiver will be speaking about the reconstituted Bird Town at the EAC Network Summit in February. In addition, there will be a workshop for Bird Town leaders, and new website.

Ready for 100: The EAC will plan to present the West Rockhill experience to the BOS at the next TWP meeting on December 21 if space and time allow; A. Walizer to follow up. It may be useful to meet with Ways and Means to explain the Return on Investment for solar and other environmental projects.

The Native Plant Demonstration Garden continues to expand, and new signage will be needed. About 25 volunteers from the Penn State Master Gardeners have participated this year. The EAC would also like to acknowledge the support of Chris Mason and the TWP staff who have facilitated this project. Border stakes were placed near the retention basin clearing to demarcate the area for mowing.

The next EAC Meeting will be held on January 11 at 6:30pm.