

## Doylestown Township EAC Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2020

J. Baldassarre  
M. Scott (guest)  
T. Casas  
M. Magnano (guest)  
J. Mitchell (Chair)  
E. Neal (guest)  
C. Sawyer  
H. Shiver  
A. Walizer Special Projects Coordinator)  
D. Wood (Supervisor)  
A. Woodbury

Meeting minutes from March approved with corrections.

Budget reviewed. No issues raised. The tree signs have been paid for and delivered. The sign stands will be made by the township.

### New Business

The proposed recreation center was discussed, as was the Joint Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan. The EAC has concerns about the continued loss of open space in the township and is asking the BoS to reconsider a large new structure in Central Park. J. Baldassarre drafted a letter to the BoS to express these concerns. The letter was reviewed and will be amended before sending. Another public meeting is planned for this month to discuss the proposed rec center with the community, but the date is not yet set.

The Penn State Watershed Friendly Properties initiative was discussed. The EAC supports any activity to protect our local watershed and will promote this initiative as opportunities arise. Possible activities will be discussed in May.

Bamboo is a dangerously invasive plant and prohibited in the township. H. Shiver and J. Mitchell will be discussing the management of bamboo with a number of local experts in order to understand if the existing ordinance is adequate.

Arbor Day is April 24. The main activity will be the planting of a number of small red cedar trees between the outdoor education center and the nearby townhomes. Volunteers will be needed and A. Walizer will coordinate with the township.

### Ongoing Business

Yard waste collection: A proposal was made last month to create a township leaf and yard waste collection and composting program. The EAC supports such an initiative but recognizes that funding will

be needed for additional township staff or a contractor to manage the effort. The proposal will go to the Ways and Means Committee for discussion.

The Earth Day: An Earth Day event held at Bucks County Audubon was well attended and the Doylestown TWP EAC was represented.

Non-toxic communities. H. Shiver is working with Mel Scott to develop an educational brochure and signage to educate on toxic chemicals in our community. They will be meeting this week to continue.

Open space preservation: Members of the EAC will meet with the Planning Commission on September 14 to discuss the preservation and maintenance of existing open space, including the small township-owned 'movie lots', and the creation of green corridors. J. Baldassarre will distribute the JP&R Open Space plan to review in advance, and preparation meeting will be held in August.

Greenway trail proposal: Another meeting will be held with the County this week too gather input on the proposed Greenway trail project. J. Mitchell has prepared a letter to the BC Planning Commission to emphasize the importance of maintaining open space and watersheds.

Tree signs are delivered, and the stands will be manufactured by the township. The EAC needs to decide on locations. J. Mitchell will arrange for a small group to walk the park to select these locations (now scheduled for April 19).

Subcommittees:

Bird Town: MidAtlantic Audubon has a new president and seeks to reinvigorate the Bird Town program. A leadership committee will be formed to review the program. The Bird Town property owner's recognition program will continue, and we expect new outreach materials.

Invasive plant of the month is Callery Pear.

Native Plant Demonstration Garden: The first work day was very well attended, with 30 volunteers, including 21 master gardeners. Work on maintaining and expanding the Garden will continue next month. M. Brooks has offered to provide additional boulders to enhance the texture of the garden. In addition, the EAC will work with the township to provide assist Parks & Rec to install plantings at the concert amphitheater and at the Native American monument.

Annual EAC Summit: The EAC would like to hold another EAC Summit this year. Solebury has also proposed to hold a EAC Summit on deer, and we may want to combine these 2 activities in some way. Although the summit is typically held in June, due to covid 19 pandemic the EAC may choose to delay the summit until later in the year. Planning to start next month.

Ready for 100: The County has passed its own Ready for 100 resolution and the Ready for 100 Bucks County volunteers are planning to meet with Evan Stone from the County Planning Commission to coordinate activities. The Township has agreed to go forward with 2-4 level 2 chargers in the public parking areas near the Township building. These will be managed by ChargePoint. The township is also starting to look at electricity usage and the cost of renewable electricity. The Bucks County Association of Township Officials will be offering an educational webinar on renewable energy on April 22 at 12:00. J. Baldassarre will share the link when available.

The next EAC meeting will be held on February 9 at 7pm. The EAC discussed if would be possible to meet in person. Per D. Wood most committees still meet by Zoom, but the TWP has the facility to hold a hybrid meeting. The EAC plans a hybrid meeting for May and an in-person meeting for June.