

Doylestown Township EAC Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2022

J. Baldassare (Chair)
T. Casas
J. Herring (Supervisor)
Marcello Mangano (guest)
S. Mason (TWP Manager)
J. Mitchell
Erich Neal (guest)
Kara Raymond (guest)
C. Sawyer
H. Shiver
A. Walizer (Asst. TWP Manager)
D. Wood (Supervisor)
Anne Woodbury (guest)

- Called to order at 6:32 p.m.
- Minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2021 were approved.

- Budget review and budget items
 - Purchase of trees – may be in and recorded against last year’s budget – not certain.
 - Budget for 2022 - \$5,500, same as last year.

- Motion to amend agenda to include single use plastic ordinance, and to include RGGI letter to State Representative. Motion approved.

- New business
 - New members
 - Marty Brooks will become Member Emeritus, resigning from active membership
 - Tanya Casas will be stepping down – would like to become Associate Member
 - Anne Woodbury position open as well
 - There have been applications for the openings
 - Erich Neal is among them
 - Supervisors will be considering next month
 - Two prospects have been approached – Alice Marcy and Missy Halter
 - Roles
 - Vice Chair – Heidi Shiver nominated; elected

- Secretary
 - Do we need this
 - Jeannine Mitchell in favor of permanent Secretary. Possibly new member or Associate. Determination that it cannot be Associate Member.
 - Revisit in February
- Priorities and ownership
 - Prioritize projects and look at ownership of each
 - Make sure each project we take on has an owner who will be the point person
- Community outreach
 - Important part of what we do
 - How can we make the EAC more visible to residents?
 - EAC brochure?
 - Kara Raymond willing to work on this
 - Warrington has a nice one. Could be a starting point for us.
 - Get more young people involved
 - Coordinate with Lisa Pearsall
 - Do we partner with Penn State extension agents?
 - Master Gardeners and Master Watershed Stewards are involved – these are Penn State programs
 - Invite Linda Pearsall to the next meeting
 - Kathleen Connolly is the Penn State Extension Bucks County Coordinator
- Dog signage at Covered Bridge Park
 - Tom Price – New Britain Borough
 - Sign on our side is not the same as the other side
 - Tom would like us to add graphics to the sign to better display leash requirements
 - Could use the same sign as we use elsewhere
 - Pine Run Reservoir
 - Is it a protected wildlife area?
 - Aaron Walizer will get more history on the ordinance
- New long-term strategic plan
 - Curt Sawyer will produce draft document for next meeting
- RGGI
 - Background
 - Governor Wolf wants PA in RGGI
 - Cap and trade plan
 - Would work to reduce greenhouse gases
 - PA is the largest emitter in the group
 - Legislature passed resolutions of disapproval (largely on a party line vote)
 - Wolf vetoed Senate bill – likely not enough votes to override

- Planned to ask Board of Supervisors to write to our representatives in Harrisburg to support RGGI – in line with RF100 resolution
 - Table for now and work with EAC and BOS to support reductions in greenhouse gases
 - Resolution for BOS
 - Jim Baldassare will circulate draft resolution
- Ongoing business and subcommittees
 - Native Plant Demonstration Garden
 - Volunteer work crew the last Saturday of each month – March-November
 - New signs at expansion area and basin work area
 - Design of expansion area
 - Path is wood chips and meanders through the area
 - EAC may support native trees and shrubs this year along that path
 - Retention basin remediation
 - Next steps – will start up again in Spring
 - Removal of invasives and replacement with native plants
 - Probably March
 - Butler Road project
 - Probably April
 - Agenda item for February to set date
 - Will need some volunteers – 1-3 people
 - Birdtown
 - Organizational meeting 1/25 at 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)
 - Nest watch
 - Plan of action for the EAC in February
 - Possible birding at Fonhill
 - Bonnie Oliver may be a contact
 - 30 species identified at Christmas bird count
 - Possible native plant garden at Fonhill?
 - Single Use Plastics resolution
 - Barbara Lyons is on board with this
 - Would like to put on the BOS agenda for January
 - Heidi will continue to reach out to Ryan Manion
 - Is there a list of restaurants in the Township?
 - Could be useful to visit restaurants to get their perspective
 - Fire Department might have a list of businesses. County may also have a list.
 - Could have some kind of recognition for restaurants that reduce use of plastics.
 - Share Lambertville info?
 - RF100
 - West Rockhill TWP powerpoint

- Present to BOS on 1/18/22
 - Status of Rec Center
 - Exploring geothermal – test wells approved by BOS
 - May be funding opportunities
 - Energy transition plan
 - Involve stakeholders
 - Data gathering phase
 - RGGI may generate funding
- Deer management
 - Invitation to join working group sent out
- Native American Memorial Garden
 - In design stage
 - List available of native plants used by Lenape
 - Trees, shrubs and grasses
 - Full sun area
 - Who will make decision on design?
 - Bucks Beautiful is committed to project
 - Could use Master Gardener labor
- Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.