Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council

Minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2022

Attendees:

Jim Baldassarre

Tanya Casas

Stacy Crandell (Asst TWP Mgr)

Judy Hendrixson (TWP Planning Commission)

Jen Herring (TWP BOS)

Stephanie Mason (TWP Manager)

Jeannine Mitchell

George Mullikin (Doylestown Borough EAC)

Erich Neal

Brandi Robinson (Penn State)

Curt Sawver

Heidi Shiver

Caden Vitti (Penn State)

Anne Woodbury

- Minutes of the EAC meeting of October 11, 2022 were reviewed and approved.
- Budget review \$5,500 budget for 2023, same as 2022
- New Business
 - Chair for 2023/Meeting dates and start times
 - Jim Baldassarre elected as Chair for 2023
 - Will be referred to the Board of Supervisors at their organizational meeting for approval
 - Motion to move the start time of the meetings to 7:00 p.m.; motion passed.
 - o Retention Basin Covered Bridge Lane
 - Mowed by Township
 - Questioned by neighbors
 - Is among the 26 basins to be naturalized
 - Website page to educate the populace about the naturalization process
 - Move to EAC "Tip of the Week" on Tuesdays during 2023 on social media
 - EV display May 13, 2023
 - Lisa Pearsall informed and onboard with an EV display
 - Add electric bikes to this
 - Include EV charging
- Ongoing Activity and Updates
 - RF100 Greenhouse Gas inventory
 - Presentation by Caden Vitti with assistance from Brandi Robinson

- Phase 2 of the project starts in January with joint meeting with Doylestown Borough
- Lenape Memorial design approval
 - Going to regrade to eliminate curb
 - Looking at alternative site grassy knoll full sun site
 - Existing plaque will be removed from current rock
 - New rock to be procured for new site (alternative move existing rock?)
 - Dave Tomko and Karen Sweeney are bought in
 - Will install Spring 2023 Earth Day?
 - Will need estimated cost
- Watershed Friendly Properties and plant pre-purchase
 - Which lots (2) for 2023?
 - Perhaps lot adjacent to Kara Raymond? Jeannine will reach out to Kara
 - Plan to plant spring ephemerals in expansion area of native plant garden
 - Pre-order plugs (~\$500)
 - Discussion of applicability of remaining money in the 2022 budget
 get invoice and make deposit treated as prepaid
 - Motion to spend up to \$500 for this purpose in the manner described; motion approved
- Single-use plastic
 - Doylestown Borough Council has advertised a proposed ordinance
 - Differs slightly from what we were considering
 - Eliminated requirement to charge for paper bags
 - Does require 40% recycled content in the paper
 - Heidi and Jim would like to send letter to businesses about the resolution that was passed to reduce single-use plastic
 - Should take to Board of Supervisors in January or February
 - Update BOS on survey results and proposed letter
 - Tentative for January 17, 2023
 - Book club event January 26, 2023
 - Thicker Than Water by Erica Cirino is the selected book for the meeting
- Bird Town updates
 - 2 bird walks scheduled
 - Neshaminy greenway
 - Fonthill is redoing some of its lawns into meadows
 - February 18, 2023 is the date for nest cleanouts
 - Shoot for Bird Town "Gold" status in 2023
- Next meeting January 10, 2023