

Doylestown Environmental Committee

Meeting Minutes

Aug 8 2017 7pm

In attendance:

J. Baldassarre
S. Mason
J. Mitchell
D. Richardson
S. Sablosky
A. Woodbury

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes of July 11 were approved unanimously without changes. S. Mason noted that without a Projects Coordinator to assist, the committee members should take turns recording the meeting minutes.

Plans:

Plans for the CB West High School athletic fields revitalization were reviewed. These fields already exist and there will be no change to the footprint of the property. Six new native trees are proposed in the plan. There were no additional comments.

Budget:

There has been no change to the existing budget since last month. The Committee will request similar funding for next year's budget (\$6000).

EAC Magnets:

The magnet sales have been slow, and are now being offered at \$3 each. This will continue through the summer. J. Mitchell suggests that these may be given away to volunteers or visitors as favors. No specific action was taken. J. Mitchell also suggests that we have an EAC banner to display at events or meetings. S. Sablosky will investigate prices for a vertical roll-up banner.

Bicentennial Events:

A. Woodbury reported on her discussions with the Bicentennial Committee. The BC enthusiastically endorsed the idea of 200 trees to be purchased/donated by residents for the Township parks at \$200 each, with contributors to be named on an 'honor board' in the new Township building. The BC also endorsed the idea of small trees to be sold for individuals private use at \$40 each. Trees to be planted in the fall of 2018. The BC also endorsed the idea of a Garden Party and dedication of the Native Plant demonstration garden in spring/summer 2018. The EAC needs to suggest a tentative date of first Sunday in May (May 6 2018) A. Woodbury will confirm this date with the BC.

Native Plant Garden

J. Mitchel reports that maintenance has been reduced because of weather, and she will request 2 volunteer days in the month of August. There has been some loss of plants due to deer. The garden will be extended, and the Committee thinks that a Master Plan would be useful to guide future activities. J. Mitchell will sketch a Plan. In addition, there should be a list of plantings for the public which link to additional educational materials on the Township website. J. Mitchell will create a planting list and J. Baldassarre will assist with developing the supporting materials.

Native American Memorial

The garden to be located at the existing Native American Memorial is fully managed and supported by Bucks Beautiful, and no additional assistance is requested from the EAC. The Committee is satisfied with the selection of plants chosen.

Fall Speaker

A. Woodbury is working with Denise Seczak to identify a speaker for the fall. The leading suggestion now is David Culp (The Layered Garden). Ms Seczak is trying to confirm his availability for Wednesday October 8. We need to advertise for this in the Township newsletter and also maybe in the BC Herald or Intell. An alternative option would be Jenny Rose Kerry.

Other Business

The EAC needs to confirm that Ray Hendrix's bluebird boxes will be maintained and cleaned in the spring. S. Mason will get a copy of the bluebird box map for the committee to review, so volunteers can be assigned. Also, no one is currently offering bird walks. J. Baldassarre will try to identify township residents who may be willing and qualified to give bird walks periodically.

The meeting was closed at 8:20.