

Doylestown Environmental Advisory Committee

September 12, 2017

In attendance:

J. Baldassarre
T. Casas
D. Richardson
M. Brooks
A. Woodbury
S. Mason

Meeting minutes of August meeting approved with minor change.

Final plans for 651 N. Shady Retreat were reviewed and approved without further comment.

Budget was not reviewed but no money has been spent since last meeting.

Bicentennial garden party now set for May 6 2018 but a rain date should also be chosen. Refreshments and entertainment need to be arranged.

Bicentennial tree program is going well. Tree of life honor board needs to be arranged. No additional news.

Update on native plant garden was provided by written report from J. Mitchell. There are 2 working days left this fall and volunteers are needed.

David Culp has been finalized as the Fall Speaker, at Del Val Life Sciences Building on October 18. Bucks County Audubon Society is requesting support for a speaker, Dan Duran, who is an entomologist. The talk will be at Del Val on February 7. The request was for \$550, to co-sponsor with BCAS. This was unanimously agreed.

It is also noted that the Spotted Lanternfly (invasive pest) has reached Doylestown Township. So far its activity is mainly on the 'Tree of Heaven', but it a potential pest for numerous other native species and agricultural plants.

The EAC is requesting a map or location information for Ray Hendrix bluebird boxes, so those can be cleaned this winter. S. Mason will try to locate this information.

T. Casas announces that there will be a talk at Del Val on food security issues by Maria Berliner on September 28 at 6:30: *Food as a Tool of Diplomacy and as a Weapon of War*. This open to the public.

Dave Tompko has requested input from the EAC on plantings to landscape the new Township building, but this will not be an issue until Spring 2019. The Parks and Rec Committee is also requesting input on some foundation plantings to enhance the Central Park Amphitheatre. A. Woodbury will coordinate this.

It was also suggested that EAC and Parks and Rec have joint meeting, perhaps in March 2018. An agenda would need to be agreed in advance.