## Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Agenda Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Jeannine Mitchell, Chair, Native Plants/Gardens Don Richardson, Vice Chair, Shade Tree Commission/Plans Martin Brooks, Arborist/Shade Tree Commission/Plans Tanya Casas, Climate Change/Delaware Valley University/TAB Anne Woodbury, Gardens/Speakers/Bicentennial Jim Baldassarre, Health/Bird Town/Minutes Heidi Shiver, Bucks County Audubon Society Andrea Susten, Intern Guests

## I. Minutes Approval - January 9, 2018

## **II. New Business**

- a. Plans: Preserve at Burke Farm Land Development Plan
- New Heritage Tree evaluations needed: Carolyn Shaddinger, 34 Birchwood Dr., Doylestown; Kentucky Coffee Tree behind Dunkin' Donuts on Blueberry Hill property (Pennmark Management, Inc. 610-272-6500; Pennmarkproperties.com)
- c. Better data reporting needed on Heritage Tree assessments: newsletter errors
- d. Budget: when does 2018 credit appear on General Ledger Report? Donation of \$100 to County Theater for running 200 Oaks ad?
- e. Bird walk in Central Park; Diane Smith of BCAS; walk scheduled for Saturday, May 5; she has agreed to wear audio headset; need videographer
- e. EAC Summit Ideas for June: date, speaker, format; Del Val venue?
- f. Improved communication and coordination among township EAC, Del Val scheduling and IT: Tanya Casas and Keith Peters from TAB; Patrick Kelly from DVU; suggestions
- g. Tech Advisory Board: EAC video library list; need for updating (2 recent talks from our Speaker Series will soon be available); Instagram idea: township account to increase social media presence; EAC use; support?
- h. Need to update Township Landscape Regulations "Recommended landscape and buffer plants" - last updated in January, 2000; add DCNR "Invasive Plants" to ordinance?
- i. Doylestown Bird Town committee idea
- j. Inspired by Dan Duran talk: questions about spraying for mosquitoes in Doylestown Township
- k. Inspired by Warrington EAC: mowing issues by Bucks County; mowing in our meadow and ground-nesting bird areas
- I. Long-term goals: grant money needed meadow restoration and invasive plant removal; search for grant money and application expertise
- m. EAC Mission Statement to focus and provide clear purpose for our work

## III. Old Business

**a.** Delaware Riverkeeper Network draft resolution on fracking ban given to Board of Supervisors for their consideration and possible adoption. Deadline: mid March. Please consider voicing your support to them.

**b.** Dr. Dan Duran talk at Del Val on Feb. 7 - bad weather lowered turnout; video in progress by TAB for EAC Hour; important information (see above)

c. Lyme Tick pamphlet distribution list

d. 200 Oaks sponsorship update

**e.** Garden Party: invitation distribution; music - jazz trio and CB West jazz ensemble scheduled by Jim (\$375 - from \$500 allotted to EAC by Bicentennial committee?); refreshments; event(s)? seeds or plants to take home? attire?

- f. Update on new sign: "Native Plants" to be installed by demo garden
- g. Speaker Series: co-sponsorship; ideas
- h. EAC banner
- i. Bird Town: Bluebird boxes; PA Audubon bird-friendly neighborhoods initiative
- j. Native Plant Garden: Kinsman has donated 100 plant markers; Dan McBride is making tree labels; March 24 work day only 6 weeks away; trellis and sign installation; April planting. Needed: QR and plant inventory on township website.
- k. BCCC Artmobile email sent to Kutz Elem. re Earth Day 2019
- I. Ferguson Township resolution on reducing greenhouse gas emissions: David Pribulka to talk at Del Val on April 19, 6 pm, Life Sciences Building.
- m. Sauerman Park anything more to be done at this time?

**IV. Announcements and Calendar:** Next meeting March 13, 2018, - scheduled for 7 p.m., but we have a conflict with Bicentennial lecture at Del Val.

Consider changing time to 5 pm? Consider changing location to Del Val?