

## Doylestown Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

### Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2018

#### In attendance:

M. Brooks  
T. Casas  
J. Herring (Board of Supervisors liaison)  
S. Mason (Doylestown Township's Manager)  
J. Mitchell (Chair)  
D. Richardson  
H. Shiver  
A. Susten (Special Projects Coordinator)  
A. Woodbury

#### Guests:

B. Froehlich  
J. Schumacher  
D. Wood

**I. Minutes Approval:** March 13, 2018 with one spelling correction: Denise Sezack. Anne moved for the approval, seconded by Marty and it was approved unanimously. There was also discussion of the Treasurer's report. Andrea will check to make sure the County Theater is paid \$100 for the Oaks advertisement.

#### **II. New Business:**

a. Arbor Day: Jeannine suggested that an EAC calendar be created. She also suggested that the responsibilities that the council has should be written up for Arbor Day, the last Saturday of April, which includes planting trees. Andrea agreed to do this.

Andrea has met with Jeff and Butch and it is all set up for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. and 10 trees from Walt Barry will be planted by the park and ride. Marty will attend and suggested that the trees will need plastic protectors at the base to protect them from rabbits. Andrea will send information to Tanya to be posted at Del Val Uni.

Also, 100 trees will be planted by Turk II or III by staff. Anne will send thank you notes.

b. Planting Buffer: Paul Garr, Roads Superintendent, received a request to plant a buffer by Ash Way in the park where the PennEast Pipeline comes through by Sandy Ridge Road. Plantings can't be over 4'. Marty suggested Bayberry and Winterberry bushes. Marty, Don and Heidi will look at the site and report back. Jeannine asked who will pay for it.

c. Mowing and Spraying: Butch discussed the mowing and spraying in the township and 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid is used on athletic fields as requested. To reduce spraying, a multi-pronged approach was suggested and includes: educating the DAA about the sprays and invite them to an informational session, write a letter to the Intelligencer Newspaper by someone like Dr. Dan Duran, educate students, engage the Master Gardeners in the area to offer talks, create a brochure. Anne and Heidi agreed to create an informational brochure.

As for mowing, Butch stated that it is done in the fall after the first frost to control invasives and hard woods. It was suggested that only half or a third would be mowed each year and then alternate sections mowed yearly.

### **III. Old Business**

a. Resolution: Delaware Riverkeeper Network's resolution on fracking ban was approved by the BOS. Anne brought in sparkling wine to celebrate the council's success. The Council is thankful for the BOS action on this.

b. Oaks: Anne reported that 58 Oaks have been sold thus far. She has been working with Doylestown Rotary and they will be presenting Barbara Lyons a check for \$5000 at their 4-way Breakfast on 4/25 at 7:30 a.m. for 20 oaks. These trees are to be planted together by the sensory garden. Anne also mentioned that if we don't sell 200, that we could use the 100 maple trees from Bucks Beautiful towards our count. Also, the Honor Board will be done by 2019.

c. May 6 Garden Party: Invitation have been mailed and extras were circulated during the meeting. Anne bought tablecloths, cups and napkins. Cookies and brownies have been ordered. 2 trays of pretzel bites will be ordered by Anne. Marty has provided a vintage ribbon for the ribbon cutting. Jeannine suggested that council members should wear their EAC shirt and a hat, stand together and answer any questions.

d. The "Native Plants' sign for the gardens will be ready by 4/30, shipped and installed just in time for the Garden Party. It will be unveiled at the party and covered with burlap until then. A mock up sign was not received so we should be reimbursed for \$30-\$40.

e. Native Plant Garden: Work parties are scheduled for every Saturday in April from 9-11 a.m. On March 31, there were 28 volunteers including National Honor Society students from CB West. \$250 donation will be spent and Jeff is ordering plants including goatsbeard, foam flower, etc. 3 gallon size Sassafras also to be planted. Trellis is up and bolted in.

f. Earth Day 2018. We will have a table at the Bucks County Audubon Society's event on 4/14 from 11-4 with Oak sheets, Bird Town information, Audubon materials, a Bird Challenge with 3 prizes for 6-12 year olds using Jeannine's bird collage. Andrea, Anne and Heidi will man our table. Next year, Jeannine suggests we have an EAC presence at the Fonthill Earth Day event as well.

Also, the Fonthill restoration project was discussed and Anne suggested we see Kristin Winters' presentation on this project. Perhaps, we could co-sponsor this with Del Val.

### **IV. Unfinished Business**

a. Heritage Tree evaluations will be done by Don and Marty.

b. Heritage Tree Evaluations Template: Don and Marty will have a draft by our May meeting.

c. EAC summit, June 14 @ 6:30 at DVU Life Sciences Building in rooms 200-201 with speaker Marilyn Howarth. Andrea will be inviting EACs.

d. Bird Town: Doylestown Township and the Boro will merge and Jeannine suggested calling it: "Doylestown Community Bird Town". Hal Margolit and John Shiver would like to join the committee. Jen knows some residents, too, who might want to join.

e. Hart's Wood and Sauerman Park: Jeff suggested using Eileen Hee's guidelines for removing invasives including cording off areas and use volunteers to get rid of them. After visiting Sauerman Park pond, Princeton Hydrology recommended filling in upper part and

make it shallower, create a wooded wetlands area and also create a series of falls. Jeannine suggested having Princeton come again in the fall and we should include Parks and Rec too on this project.

f. Ferguson Township resolution on reducing greenhouse gas emissions: Invited by Tanya, David Pribulka will talk at DVU on April 19 @ 6 p.m. at the Life Sciences Bldg. Andrea should share this with other EACs to encourage them to attend.

g. Earth Day 2019: The Pollinator Artmobile exhibit will be at BCCC 4/24-26, 10-2. This event will be discussed later.

h. Update on Township Landscape Regulations “Recommended landscape and buffer plants” and addition of DCNR Invasive Plants list. Jeannine has been working on this and will discuss further at our May meeting.

i. EAC Mission Statement to be discussed at our May meeting.

j. Plant signage and QR codes: Dan has been working on this and will create a prototype. He also shared with us a carved a QR code in a log.

#### **V. Announcements and Calendar:**

Anne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40, seconded by Marty and all agreed.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 8, 2108 at 7 pm. at the Doylestown Township Municipal Complex.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heidi Shiver, April 25, 2018