

## Doylestown EAC Meeting Minutes

June 12 2018

### In attendance:

J. Baldassarre  
M. Brooks  
J. Herring      Supervisor  
J. Mitchell     Chair  
H. Shiver  
A. Susten      Special Projects Coordinator  
D. Richardson Vice Chair  
A. Woodbury

### Guests

Dan Wood  
Marcello Mangano  
Eric Neal  
Owen Neal

May meeting minutes approved

General Ledger review. The GL appears to have the wrong starting amount and many of the expenses are not related to the EAC. A. Woodbury and J. Mitchell to meet with Ken Wallace, Township Finance Director to get this corrected for next month.

### New Business:

Mrs Shaddinger is not present to receive her Heritage Tree certificate and it will be mailed. A. Woodbury suggests that we do one annual presentation of the tree certificates at a Board meeting, possibly in November. A. Susten will create a list of Township Heritage trees to be posted on the Township website.

A. Susten will also create a EAC calendar for the year with month by month events and responsibilities.

Township newsletter needs an article from the EAC. A. Woodbury has something already prepared and will share.

Doylestown TAB is seeking an EAC videographer and photographer. H. Shiver has agreed to do video as needed. Any photos for Instagram need to be sent to A. Susten's email, and she will have them vetted and posted.

200 trees for the bicentennial: 95 trees have been sold, and a few more are likely to be sold soon through the Doylestown Rotary Club. Including 100 maples provided by Bucks Beautiful, we have met the goal of planting 200 trees in public spaces for the bicentennial. However, we will continue tree sales until Aug 24, including table events in the park and an email blast to the township residents. A. Susten will create an email blast for the Council. Trees need to be ordered by Sept 1 for fall planting. It may not be possible to get all oaks, and the '200 Oaks' promotion will be modified to '200 Trees/200 Years'. It may also be possible to ask the owner of the Grazzo parcel to sponsor some of the trees to restore his improperly cut trees. J. Mitchell to discuss with S. Mason how to proceed.

Per Dave Tomko, Arbor Day activities cannot be held in conjunction with FontHill; Doylestown is a Tree City and as such we are responsible for an independent Arbor Day activity.

Unfinished Business:

Owen Neal updated his plans for the 'Bug Hotel' in the Environmental Education Center. He informs us that solitary bees don't sting and wasps are rarely a problem. The agreed size is 4' x 4' by 6", and the EAC will work with Owen to select a spot. It probably needs to be anchored to a tree. There may be some modest annual maintenance required. Owen will also need to do some fundraising for materials and may want to join the EAC for a table event on July 15 in Central Park.

A sign about ground nesting birds will be posted at the Pine Run Reservoir. The EAC will work with the Township to have design by the end of the July.

As a Bird Town we are entitled to some large BT signs and will receive them from S. Saffier. Small BT logos are part of "Welcome to the community of Doylestown" signs at major road entrances to the township. The larger signs will be installed at park entrances or along trails.

EAC Summit is scheduled for June 14. We have 17 RSVPs.

Doylestown Township has no clear policy for the use of pesticides and herbicides. EAC should suggest a policy. Parks and Rec director Karen Sweeney is in the process of gathering existing materials to help craft dt township guidelines. In addition, the EAC should create an informational pamphlet for residents discussing the pros and cons of spraying. A. Woodbury and H. Shiver have offered to write a pamphlet for residents' use. Use of Bacillus Thuringiensis spores (BT) is an effective and safer alternative for mosquito control.

The Township landscaping ordinances date back to 2000, and require some changes and updates. J. Mitchell has obtained a list of recommended native plants from another township to use as a template. A subcommittee will be formed to revise the ordinance by August for presentation to the Supervisors. Suggested changes to the ordinance will first be presented to the Planning Commission. If approved, they will go to the Board for their review and approval.

J. Mitchell has identified an EAC Manual created by the Pa Land Trust, which could be a useful guidebook for our EAC, and she will try to obtain hard copies for everyone on the committee.

The ArtMobile situation is unresolved, as scheduling enough time for all the students and then the Township is an issue, as both parties had to contribute money. J. Mitchell will continue to negotiate the scheduling for next April.

A. Woodbury has been asked to participate on a long range planning committee to look at parks and use of open space. The EAC agrees that the environment should be one issue for long range planning and we would like to be included on the long-range planning committee.

New grants may be available to assist with remediation of Sauerman Park pond. Stephanie Mason has been in contact with Fred Lubnow at Princeton Hydro. A. Susten will find out where this stands.

Next Meeting is July 10 at 7pm.