

Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 7 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

Jen Herring, Board of Supervisors liaison
Andrea Susten, Special Projects Coordinator

I. Minutes and Budget Report Approval - June 12 and July 10, 2018 (no quorum at July meeting)

II. New Business

- a. EAC long-range goals and possible 5-year Plan: revise landscape and buffer planting ordinance; sustainability initiatives (Ready 100, STAR Communities, recycling); EV charging stations; yearly calendar; communication networks (other EACs, HOAs in the Township, etc.); "Green Points" initiative; informational pamphlets for residents; Sauerman Park; meadow restoration; EAC videos for EAC hour on DTTV; 20% resident participation in Bird Town habitat program; partnerships with BCAS, BCCD, etc.; pesticide/herbicide policy and recommendations
- b. Use of Environmental Education Center; invasive plant removal workshops; family nature walks; Instagram postings - "Look what's blooming at the garden!"
- c. Budget for 2019; budget request for 2019 is due Sept. 12, 2018. Include Bird Town, Speaker Series, and ongoing projects. Make a list of expenses this year; determine proposed expenses for next year.
- d. Bird Town bird walk in Central Park in Sept/Oct. - Diane Smith?
- e. Fall speaker: where, when, who: PALyme.org; Larry Weaner; reserve space at DVU; publicity
- f. Residents' request to amend plant ordinance to allow clumping bamboo, *Fargesia rufa*, and our response

III. Unfinished Business

- a. Owen Neal's Eagle Scout project: an "insect hotel" in Central Park's Environmental Education Center
- b. Pine Run Reservoir educational sign about grassland birds: 4 meetings held, 27 volunteer hours; design ideas now go to Boucher and James; Jen H. will help w/County presentation for approval before final order is made.
- c. Ash Road buffer planting recommendations for Paul Garr, Roads Superintendent

- d. Revision to Township 153-34 Landscape Regulations (B (g) (1-5))
"Recommended landscape and buffer plants" [Added 1-18-2000 by Ord. No. 281]. Add DCNR Invasive Plants List. Consider proposing adoption of a Native Plant Ordinance. Meet with planning commission.
- e. Artmobile with theme on Pollinators at Kutz Elementary April, 2019; EAC to contribute \$250
- f. Sauerman Park remediation: grant application to DEP for improvements with Princeton Hydro's assistance

IV. Old Business

- a. 200 Trees sponsorship update; choose oak species for order in September.
- b. Doylestown Bird Town/EAC table at Township events on 8/8 and 9/28. Big event with fireworks and concert: EAC giveaways? (Lyme pamphlets; plant plugs)
- c. Native Plant Garden: maintenance work continues through November on the last Saturday of every month, 9 to 11 am; all are welcome. Plant IDs needed - Dan Wood to make them when he can. (13 volunteers on July 28!)
- d. EAC Handbook: thank you Andrea!

- IV. **Announcements and Calendar:** Next meeting Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 7 p.m., Doylestown Township Municipal Complex
(Don R. to chair? Jeannine will be away.)

October 9 EAC meeting: Bill Sabey from Plymouth Township EAC will present "Ready 100" - a Sierra Club resolution for municipalities to transition to 100% renewable electricity consumption by 2035.