

Doylestown Township EAC Meeting Minutes April 12, 2022

1. Minutes review and approval for February
Reviewed and approved
- 2) Budget review and budget items
 - Planned to pay for Arbor Day trees out of last year's budget but books were closed so they will hit this year's budget
 - Stephanie will follow-up with Ken to ensure that is the case

NEW BUSINESS

- EAC Native Plants services for residents - Marcello & Chad
 - Curt thought the focus should be on the landscaping companies -
 - Cannot make recommendations on where to shop - Would need to send them to PA Native Plant Society or the Native Plant Pamphlet
 - Split into 2 separate projects - Residential and Industrial/Commercial
 - Look into trade association for lawn professionals (Jim to follow-up)
 - Residential - connect to Watershed Friendly Properties & need to create a questionnaire to take to the residences
 - Jennine recommended more pictures and of actual landscapes
 - info@doylestowntownship.gov is the contact e-mail to include on the form/flyer
 - Marcello & Chad to modify proposal and bring to future EAC meeting

Ongoing Business and Subcommittees

- a. Poole's Corner Planting April 23 9-11
 - a. 6 Students from CB West
 - b. 12 trees being planted
 - c. One of the students should read the proclamation
 - d. Did we re-up with Arbor Day (Stephanie to follow-up)
 - e. Jeannine will send a note for volunteers to Master Gardeners

 - b) Butler Pike Native Plan median meadow
 - Methods and timing
 - Tabling the discussion due to Erich's absence
 - Will NOT plan to do this on April 30

 - c) Bird Town Update
 - Heidi was absent but she provided written updates in advance

 - d) Ready for 100/Energy Transition Plan.
 - Curt shared that he reviewed the tax assessments for commercial properties
 - Mostly landlords (retail, storage, assisted living, mobile home park, etc) car dealerships, hospital, golf course
 - Did NOT include Del Val or the School District
 - Stephanie is pulling another list that includes the non-profits
- ii) Pa DEP ICLEI process

- Pair with a student in the Fall and again in the Spring
- They will go to PECO to understand energy use
- Doylestown Borough has already requested to participate in the program, and it was recommended that we partner with them on the assessment (Jim to f/u with Borough EAC this week)
- Application process May/June and start in the fall semester

iii) Station A resources

- Independent of the big energy cos.
- Sight assessment and energy feasibility & run the economics
- Help client pull together RFP and will help execute
- They also have people that provide financing amongst their vendors
 - No Cost to Township
- They get paid 5 cents/kwatt from winning bidder
- Suggested the lot across from Steve Santisarro's office
- Stephanie suggested needing to vet Station A further
 - Have they ever worked with municipalities?
 - How does a bid process work when your vendor is supplying a service at no charge?
 - Stephanie would like to meet with them
 - Jim to follow-up to get more information and schedule a call

e) Watershed Friendly Township Properties,

- Need to focus on Township-owned properties to get them certified
- Jeannine is working with 1 (possibly 3) Master Watershed Stewards to put the documents together to submit the information for the
 - Environmental Education Center lot Native Plant Demo garden is the first lot to be assessed
 - Jeannine asked for recommendations for the 2nd lot to be assessed for certification
 - Focus was on 18 township-owned lots that are not currently parks
 - Stephanie asked if the Watershed Friendly properties is connected to the Rivers Conservation

EAC Table Events for the Summer

- Need to always communicate with Karen about tabling events and if we must cancel. There were instances in the past where a table was set up for an event, but no one ever showed.

Single Use Plastics

- The old survey is still up on the website and needs to come down
- Stephanie is currently responsible for the website and will pull the data and take down the survey
- Evaluate the survey and provide feedback to Jim
- Borough is looking at an ordinance that would ban single use plastic bags - requires vendors to phase out plastic bags and then sell paper bags at some cost to encourage consumers to transition to reusable bags

Chamber of Commerce having an Earth Day event at the Township Building

- Wednesday April 20th 5 PM

- Panel Discussion

Strategic Plan

- EAC needs to provide feedback to Curt on the tasks they are assigned – All committee members need to provide feedback
- Curt will resend the plan to the team

Native American Memorial Garden

- Jim will send the recommendations that were put together in the past
- Stephanie suggested that it could be an Eagle Scout project
- Master gardeners could also be a volunteer
- There was signage at the site originally that could be photographed and posted on the EAC page

Children's Nature Walk

- Creating tiles based on what they see on the walk
- June 23, July 21, August 18
- Jeannine, Jim and Chad will do a dry run/walk through on Thursday May 5th at 4:00 PM