

Doylestown Township EAC Monthly Meeting

September 13, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Jim Baldassarre
Joseph Salvati (guest)
Marcello Mangano
Anne Woodbury
Jeannine Mitchell
Heidi Shiver
Curt Sawyer
Erich Neal (virtual)
Chad Clem (virtual)
Stacy Crandell (Asst TWP Mgr)
Jen Herring (TWP BOS)

0. Joseph Salvati requested that cardboard recycling drop station be added back to the Township. He said that the Township used to have cardboard collection prior to the current building.
 - a. EAC suggested that we consider this as well as other recycling options
 - b. Teracycle was discussed previously
 - c. Montgomery Co. recycles election signs - Jen suggested that would be something to consider
 - i. Jim to follow-up with the Bucks Co. Sustainability Director (Neil Dougherty) to see if this is something that could happen at the county level
 - ii. Veronica Harris is the point person for this effort at Montgomery Co
1. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Approved with minor corrections
2. Native plant brochure
 - a. Very low inventory
 - b. Stacy will send file to Jim and will print 1000 additional brochures
 - c. Motion approved to spend money to create the brochures
3. New Business
 - a. Penn Env Recycling Letter
 - i. PA recycling law hasn't been updated in many years. Penn Env. Is hoping to get EACs across the state to sign off on the recommended updates.
 - ii. Recommendation is that each member will need to sign off as an individual rather than the EAC as a whole
 - iii. Jim will circulate again and each member can sign
4. Ongoing Activity and updates
 - a. Regional Summit
 - i. Regional summit Power Point format - Jim to send the format to the mail list
 - ii. Jim will send a "Save the Date" and do a Sign-Up Genius for registration - due by October 5
 - iii. Heidi agreed to serve as the overall moderator for the event

- iv. Presentations will be 5-7 minutes
 - v. The event will be in person (Only) - no virtual option
 - vi. Food/snacks should err on the lighter side
 - vii. Agenda
 - viii. Logistics
5. Single use Plastic
 - a. Working with the Borough to ensure that TWP is aligned with what they are doing
 - b. Heidi will look for the letter that was put together for residents for education on the topic - can be included in the January newsletter
 - c. Heidi will look for the letter that was sent foodservice establishments
 - d. Social media and e-news are other avenues for informing residents
 - e. Stacy suggested that EAC could have a weekly tip included in the e-news

 6. RF100/Clean EnergyPa
 - a. EAC has a Penn State student that is very enthusiastic - Caden Vitti
 - b. GHG inventory will be completed by this intern with support of the TWP working group.

 7. Inflation Reduction Act impact
 - a. Direct payments to tax exempt institutions for certain types of projects
 - b. Stacy said we likely won't take advantage of this b/c it requires that you pay for everything upfront

 8. Lighting/light pollution
 - a. Erich cited a project in the Netherlands
 - b. Erich proposed that we put the red film on one light at Sauerman Park, but
 - c. Stacy said we have an ordinance to have the lights be white light which would prevent them from being red
 - d. Stacy suggested looking into timers or motion sensors for the TWP lights
 - e. Jim suggested Heidi reach out to one of the Nature Centers and see if they would be interested

 9. Watershed Friendly Properties
 - a. Heidi & John Shiver, Jeannine and a few other residents evaluated the basin near Heidi's house
 - b. Basin scored 67% (successful failure) - Needs 83% or higher to pass
 - c. Next step is to collaborate with the TWP and neighbors to address the deficiencies to raise the score
 - d. Stacy will look into the terms of the lease with the neighbor who is using pesticides near the basin
 - e. Dog waste station with bags
 - f. Excess nutrients that enter the basin from residents' fertilizer use
 - i. Need to plant native shrubs, trees & grasses to serve as filters
 - ii. Who would fund the plants?
 - g. Invasive plants are very dense in the area
 - i. Removal of the invasive plants
 1. Marcello mentioned that there is a bio-control in the works for phragmites - his lab has been denied this species the past 3 years
 - h. Invasive insects

- i. Next Steps:
 - i. Heidi proposed a work day this fall
 - ii. Marcello mentioned contacting the Dept of Ag as they have a program to either remove or treat Tree of Heaven
 - iii. Stacy will need to follow-up on what is allowed as far as volunteers working on TWP-owned property
 - iv. TWP would need to have the conversation with the farmer who is leasing the adjacent land
 - v. Anne suggested hugelkulture could be a good option for using the invasive woodies

- 10. Bird town updates/plant sale
 - a. Bird Town changed from a working group to a board
 - b. Bird walks - upcoming bird walks shared by Heidi
 - c. EAC Native Plant Sale - Sat Oct 8 in Central Park - Heidi, Jeannine, Marcello and Chad are working to set up. Plants are provided by Gino's.

- 11. Lenape Memorial Garden
 - a. Chad shared proposed drawing and described plant selection for space. Stacy communicated follow-ups were needed and she would need a copy of the plan and proposal to determine if the specifications would work for the TWP. Chad to send.

Next Meeting October 11, 2022