

# **Doylestown Township EAC October Meeting**

**October 11, 2022**

## **ATTENDEES:**

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

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **1. Budget Review**

- a. Native plant brochure - \$1229 (1000 copies)
  - i. Motion to charge \$2/each
  - ii. Passed
  - iii. Anne approved to spend up to \$150 for EAC summit

### **2. New Business**

- a. Recycling at the TWP building
  - i. Cardboard recycling at the TWP building
    - 1. Stacy provided background - with the building redesign there isn't a good space and previously there was a bunch of trash that was being disposed. Not something that the TWP will pursue at this time.
    - 2. Jim suggestion - alkaline battery recycling - \$39/bucket in the TWP building
      - a. Jim will follow-up on the businesses that will accept alkaline batteries
- b. PHS Tree Tenders
  - i. Heidi started the conversation looking into tree giveaways
  - ii. Heidi will organize a Birdtown workshop on tree giveaways in January/February
- c. Heritage Tree registry
  - i. Historically, the TWP EAC would award Heritage Tree certificates
  - ii. Anne - Jeff Schumacher willing to learn the Heritage Tree evaluation process and Anne is willing to learn how to do this
    - 1. Anne would like to add a blip to the next newsletter
    - 2. Would like to create a binder of the historical award recipients (keeping in mind homeowners privacy). Would be nice to include information on Font Hill and Doylestown Cemetery
      - a. Jim has the historical documentation to share with Anne
      - b. Chad will help compile the binder with historical info
- d. Tree City Growth Award

- i. Anne - TWP has never been awarded this. Anne offered to pull together all the paperwork and run it by Stacy.
  - ii. Jeannine suggested tying the tree giveaway and the Tree City Growth Award to Arbor Day
- 3. Ongoing Activity and updates
  - a. Lenape Memorial, design approval
    - i. Stacy update - Gravel cannot be in the area that is designated area.  
Suggestions:
      - 1. No trees (smaller/columnar could be OK)
      - 2. TWP would haul in topsoil/substrate
      - 3. Plant selection (other than trees) was OK
      - 4. Stacy suggested bigger signage to indicate what the memorial
        - a. Anne mentioned we should be aware that the Lenape prefer natural materials so we should think about
        - b. Jim mentioned that it is important that we have the TWP support on these types of initiatives throughout the process as this has been a work in process for 6 years and now it seems that perspectives have changed
      - 5. Chad will pull together a smaller group to work through the details - Chad to work with Stacy to pull together TWP personnel when we are ready for the next proposal to do a walk through. Jen H. asked to be included.
      - 6. Stacy will follow-up about moving the rock
      - 7. Stacy suggested a walk through the next time we present this with all the parties involved
      - 8. Anne suggested making the entry to Central Park much more inviting - replacing the 24 Rules Sign with a Park Map (Heidi's recommendation)
      - 9. Anne will notify Denise that she can release the Buck's Beautiful monies for this year and we will attempt to do this next year
  - b. Regional Summit
    - i. 44+ attendees plus TWP EAC members
    - ii. Will be in the big room at the TWP building
    - iii. EAC members arrive by 6 PM
    - iv. Jim will put together a sign-in sheet and will verify contact info for the e-mail list
    - v. Stacy & Curt will bring nametags for the speakers & guests
    - vi. Logistics
  - c. Light pollution mitigation
    - i. Erich - proposed turning off the lights at Saurman Park. Stacy is checking on putting all the TWP parks lights on timers. She still needs to hear from the chief.
    - ii. Jim mentioned that PECO may be able to offer incentives/rebates for energy efficiency lighting measures.
  - d. Bird town updates/plant sale
    - i. Bird Town - September at Font Hill - had a waiting list 20+ individuals. Now requesting 2 walks/year.
    - ii. Birdtown walk in Central Park on Oct. 8
    - iii. Heidi now providing a formal follow-up to everyone that attends a bird walk with links to helpful resources and thanking them for attending

- iv. Native Plant Sale on Oct 8 - Sold \$595 worth of plant material
  - v. Bird Beat coming out w/o 10/10
  - vi. Stacy provided update on BirdTown Signage - Dave T. assured Stacy that the signs will be updated to the new logo within 30 days
  - vii. Heidi passed around a ballot for BirdTown board to the TWP EAC members to ensure alignment to endorse the slate of candidates
- e. Single use Plastic
  - i. Doylestown Borough had a public meeting on this topic late September with business owners
    1. What to do with stores with huge supply of printed single use bags
    2. What to do for the businesses that already provide paper bags that would now be forced to charge for those
  - ii. Jim expressed a concern that if the TWP issues a recommendation to voluntarily reduce single use plastics and then follow that very quickly with an all-out ban, it will feel a bit like a bait and switch. Recommendation to recommend to reduce use but provide an indication that we are considering a total ban.
  - iii. Heidi will work with Stacy to compile a list of all the business
  - iv. Recommendation that the letter come from the TWP - Jim will craft the letter and share with Heidi before sharing with Stacy
- f. RF100
  - i. Stacy provided recycling tonnage to student intern
  - ii. Still waiting on data from PECO which has to be sent to TWP
  - iii. Student will be entering the data, but EAC will need to understand the process so that we can take it over after the student leaves
- g. Watershed Friendly Properties
  - i. Iron Hill and Ash Way - farmer is leasing the property from the TWP and has been farming on the land for 25 years (60-70 years). It is designated to become a park in the Master Plan of the parks (10+ years).
  - ii. Erich suggested an idea of speaking to him about changing the crops that he grows
  - iii. Farmer is using conventional farming methods and the pesticides are problematic for certification of the TWP property
  - iv. Stacy confirmed that the TWP is open to invasive plant removal
    1. EAC members can remove
    2. Non TWP employees and EAC members will need to sign a waiver
  - v. EAC will need to provide Stacy a work date
  - vi. Marcello, Erich, Jim & Chad volunteered to help ID invasives
  - vii. Stacy will follow-up with the TWP on how to mark the invasives
  - viii. Jeannine suggested signage for this area using the Basin signage as an example - Stacy will f/u with TWP
    1. Start with trees and shrubs before moving to herbaceous perennials
- h. Native Plant Garden update
  - i. This Saturday (10/15) an area within the Native Plant demo garden will be planted with white plants for a peace garden (Woman's Farm & Garden)
  - ii. October 29 is the workday for the month
  - iii. New mulch pile has been delivered and is in a more discrete location
  - iv. Jeannine suggested the "learning nest" like what the Delaware Botanic Garden uses in their woodland area with fallen branches

- v. Heidi recommended signage to provide history and plant list
- vi. Jeannine reiterated signage for the master park map - would need to create a map of Central Park
  - 1. Jen suggested that Jim could speak to the Parks & Rec chair
  - 2. Need to compile a list of specific signs that are needed for the park -
    - a. Jim will write up the recommendations for signage and run it by Heidi, Jeannine, Anne

Next Meeting November 1, 2022 (1 week earlier than usual due to Election Day)