

Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2024

ATTENDEES: Jim Baldassare (Chair), Chad Clem (Secretary), Judy Dixon (TWP Supervisor), Marcello Mangano, Erich Neal, Andrea Susten (Asst TWP Manager), Anne Woodbury
Submitted by Chad Clem

- Public Comment
- Approval of Meeting Minutes – Upon motion by A. Woodbury and second by M. Mangano, the March 2024 meeting minutes were approved.
- Budget Review - \$7440
- New Business
 - Conservation District Gathering
 - Karen Ogden coordinating event at Peace Valley for local EACs. Advocating for increased resources for native tree/plant resourcing
 - May 16, 2-4 PM
 - 2-3 attendees from the EAC
 - Advertising Native Plant Consultation
 - Feedback on flier - need to update sizing to a more standardized format
 - Update with Township and info
 - Should we set up an TWP EAC email to receive the info? **Andrea to follow-up**
 - How will the evaluations be recorded & reported?
 - Info may help guide future EAC/TWP focus efforts
- Ongoing Activities and Updates
 - Arbor Day - Tree event on the Neamond Trail
 - Chad to update Lome sign-up with specific parking info
 - Upon a motion by A. Woodbury and second by j. Baldassarre, \$60 approved for Arbor Day event refreshments - **Anne to procure**
 - Fencing in Hart's Woods
 - Tabled until next meeting
 - Jim, Anne, Heidi to walk Hart's Woods before that time
 - Single Use Plastic bag ban
 - Ordinance status - **Andrea** will post to the website when it goes up
 - **Andrea** to share with Jim as soon as completed
 - Discussion over whether to require mandatory charges for paper bags
 - **Jim** will follow-up with Faran Savitz from Penn Environment to help with June presentation
 - **Judy** to f/u with Jen Herring to get on the TWP BOS agenda
 - Upon motion by J. Baldassarre and second by A. Woodbury, \$500 (max) approved for designing, printing and creating cloth tote bags as give aways
 - Need to add EAC to bag (branding) - Andrea to follow-up
 - Include information on EACs and initiatives inside bag - **Jim** to f/u with **Kara Raymond**

- Native Plant Garden
- Selection of Native American Garden sign
 - Fully approved by Delaware Nation
 - Andrea submitted to the Solicitor for review - Andrea to f/u on status
 - Replacing the “Invasive” sign to the left of the garden.
 - Lenape Recognition Sign will be moved closer to the garden - **Anne** will to determine exact location
- Floating Island
 - Upon motion by A. Woodbury and second by J. Baldassarre, \$600 (max) approved for 2 additional floating islands in the Central Park pond - **Erich** to f/u
- First workday report
- Garden Celebration June 22
 - Assigning tasks/responsibilities
 - TAB - **Chad** to create script and f/u
 - Music - \$375 for the band - Jim secured
 - Food
 - **Jim** to f/u with Kona Ice
 - Chad can secure a hot dog roller grill and hot dogs
 - Will discuss at next meeting
 - Upon motion by A. Woodbury and second by J. Baldassarre, \$30 approved for Solar Paper activity - **Andrea** to order through TWP and bill back to EAC
 - Marcello and Heidi planned 2 scavenger hunts - need to laminate 20 activity sheets to dry erase
 - **Jim** to speak with Jeannine about an activity for the nest area
 - Upon motion by A. Woodbury and second by J. Baldassarre, \$120 (max) approved for purchasing wood/paper boats for races - Erich to purchase
 - Boats will be give-aways for kids
 - **Chad** to follow-up with Gino’s about hosting the plant sale
 - Gino’s would have to send personnel to man the station/money
 - Upon motion by A. Woodbury and second by J. Baldassarre, \$300 (max) approved for giveaway plant material - **Chad & Marcello** to f/u
 - Need to develop a Site Map - **Anne & Jim** to walk the space and build the map
- Lighting Resolution - **Erich** to put together recommended language and route prior to next meeting
- Bird Town Updates (submitted by Heidi Shiver)
 1. Westwyk HOA Native Plant Presentation is confirmed for May 8th @7 PM with Barbara Beck (Richland Township’s Bird Town leader) presenting about the relationship of natives to birds and pollinators and that everyone can help to make healthier habitats including in small gardens and on patios. Chad kindly secured native plant plugs to give away at the event.
 2. Nest Watch – nesting box monitoring began April 8 now that the weather is routinely over 50 degrees. We have 5 volunteers monitoring 17 boxes and John and I are back-ups.
 3. I sent Andrea a map of possible locations for adding 6 more nesting boxes in Central Park near the Central Park meadow and pond to be approved. If approved, this will become our special Blue Bird Trail for future walks and talks.

4. I sent Jim and Erich 2 Proclamations and 1 Resolution passed by 3 different Bird Town communities recently to share with you and consider for Addressing Lighting during migration for birds and insects.
 5. I sent Andrea an article about Bird Town updates for our township to include in the newsletter (too late) but published in eNewsletter instead.
 6. I will send Andrea a flyer for the upcoming Bird Walk on May 18th to be shared on social media and posted at the environmental ed center bulletin board.
 7. I will send Andrea material to share about World Bird Migration Day in early May.
 8. I'm holding a Bird Town table for our township and all the Bucks Bird Towns April 13 at Bucks Audubon's Earth Day event from 10-3. If anyone would like to join, please contact me.
- Ready for 100 update
 - Stephanie is following up with Gerhart's about alternatives to gas stove - looking at induction stoves
 - Judy will follow-up to ensure investigating induction stoves
 - Energy manager determining if a more detailed audit of the TWP building is required
 - Energy manager recommending transitioning police vehicles and special service vehicles to electric
 - Judy advised the EAC to recommend a more detailed approach
 - Blazer EV is certified for police vehicles
 - Andrea shared that TWP looked into E-mowers but they were cost prohibitive (almost double gas models)
 - Andrea suggested they might be open to replacing the "Gator" vehicle with an EV
 - Shared Energy Manager
 - Barn Cinema redevelopment
 - Jim met with developers
 - They are open to the idea of solar on the roof but were concerned about buy in from the tenants
 - Karen Ogden discussed water management and the need for additional filtration off of the property
 - Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00PM