

Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2024

ATTENDEES: Jim Baldassare (Chair), Judy Dixon (TWP Supervisor), Marcello Mangano, Erich Neal, Andrea Susten (Asst TWP Manager), Anne Woodbury, Curt Sawyer, Heidi Shiver (Vice-Chair)

Submitted by Marcello Mangano

1. Welcome

2. Public Comment - none

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 2024

-add birdtown minutes

4. Budget Review

-Andrea will be adding additional purchases shortly that will be reflected in the budget

5. New Business

a. Sharing our park signage

-Warrington EAC is interested in using park signage that was created by Doylestown EAC staff. The township has offered a PDF version and some of Doylestown EAC members have concerns about permissions to images and verbiage. Jim will reach out to former EAC members Jeanine and Tanya to see if they have any concerns.

-additionally New Britain borough and Birdtown would like to use the signage as well

6. Ongoing Activities and Updates

a. Arbor Day report

-Large turn out, over 30 participants/volunteers in collaboration with municipal staff to plant and mulch 50 trees.

b. Native Plant Garden report

-EAC members and volunteers targeted invasive plants that were removed from the gardens

c. Ready for 100 update

i. EV transition recommendations

-Curt and Jim met with an energy manager that evaluated the township's usage and suggested that the municipal vehicles/equipment begin to transition to electric. Based on the energy managers

findings Jim and Curt created a recommendation that was voted upon by EAC staff that passed unanimously. The recommendation will be sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for review.

d. BirdTown update

-Westwyk HOA presentation had 20 attendees. In addition to the presentation meeting participants received native plant plugs.

- citizen science pamphlet was created which contains bird monitoring and butterfly/insect monitoring projects

e. Heritage Tree Program report

-6 out of the 7 requested trees have been measured

-an additional disclaimer will be added to the heritage tree advertisement that states that requested trees to be measured are free of live electrical, poison ivy/oak, accessible and no pets in the yard during measurements

f. Garden Consulting outreach

-Andrea made revisions to the existing advertisement. The word 'consultation' was replaced with 'guidance'.

-BOS will review the changes, if accepted it will be advertised to residents.

-at the next meeting EAC members will bring information from Birdtown, Heritage tree, light pollution that they would like distributed to residents

g. Hart's Woods fencing

-Jim, Heidi and Anne surveyed the park and recommended that deer exclusion fencing be installed (100ft x 100ft) across the path from the Benner grove. The fencing will allow dormant seeds to germinate without the pressure of browsing animals. Jim will provide the BOS a cost estimate of the fencing and signage.

-if allowed educational signage for the fenced area will be needed.

h. Garden Celebration June 22

-TAB has created a promotional video featuring Chad. Andrea suggested one minor edit to TAB prior to public release

i. Food

-Anne is working with Chad who will be donating hotdogs. Buns are still needed. Non meat alternative will be tomato pie from Altomontes. Altomontes will need advance notice prior to pick up. Tabora farm will make full sheet cake that feeds up to 100 people.

-Andrea is working on botanical beverages. In addition there will be water

-Jim spoke Kona Ice who may provide a station

-Parks and Rec staff will assist with food

-EAC members voted that Andrea spend up to \$300 for compostable paper goods and utensils.

ii. Activities

-scavenger hunt list has been laminated and stickers are ready to be given to participants.

-EAC member requested that the information station have the garden party information.

-Jeanine will do story time at the birds nest in the native garden

-Jim will provide name tags.

iii. Plant giveaway

-Chad has secured plugs for the giveaway that will be placed in compostable cups.

i. Single Use Plastic bag ban

i. Process/ Meeting in May

-BOS meeting May 21 to vote on the ban.

-Jim created a presentation that explains the significance of reduced plastic use.

ii. Purchasing reusable bags and design

-Curt ordered reusable bags +shipping came out to \$529.11 which was over the allocated amount. Members voted and approved to cover the overage

j. Watershed Friendly properties

i. Ash Way

-Volunteer dates for work occur on Sunday from 1-4pm

-Kirin Cody with the church group is looking for volunteer work. Jim will contact him.

ii. Sheridan Rd

-Chris Mason has concerns about an adjacent properties Wisteria and will require a mow strip along the border

k. Nighttime Lighting Resolution

-EAC members voted on the proposal, and it was approved

-the proposed resolution will go to the BOS for review

7. Adjournment

- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00PM**