

Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2024

- Welcome
- Public Comment
 - None
 - Kara is developing an EAC Rack Card (4"x9").
 - What is an EAC
 - What does the EAC do
 - Adding content to the back of the card
 - Will include a QR code
 - Kara will put into Photoshop & solicited feedback at the meeting
 - Kara will route electronically for others to weigh in
- Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 2024
 - Minutes approved without changes
- Budget Review
 - Curt offered to meet with Debbie in Finance to get more clarity.
- New Business
 - Open space acquisition
 - Very little open space available in the TWP
 - The EAC recommends that the TWP look at the property on
 - Judy will f/u with Sinclair Salisbury (Coding) - AFTER NOV 5
 - Kara will f/u with Hunterdon Land Trust as to how to go about preserving land
 - Jeff will own this task and ensure f/u in the future EAC agendas
 - FIR property plan review (Edison Furlong Rd)
 - EAC has ensured install of right trees and plants and in right location - this plan looks good in that regard
 - There is a lot of outdoor lighting in 4000K mimicking moonlight
 - Jeff will own this project and f/u with the TWP with comments on behalf of the EAC
 - EAC comments are due by **October 14**
 - The TWP approached this property about conserving it and they declined according to Andrea
 - BCCD tree planting opportunity
 - Date, place and volunteers
 - Chris Mason recommended we use the saplings to infill Sauerman Park - periphery - but don't block any of the current mowed areas
 - Chris will mow down the paths to the planting areas
 - EAC will use a few trees from the BCCD for the Sheridan Rd project

- November 9 (9:00-12:00) Install Date
 - Chad will create a Lome for the digital invite - Bring your own shovel
 - Chad, Marcello and Jim will walk the area the afternoon before on November 8
- Ongoing Business
 - Bird Town update
 - Bird Town Bird Walks
 - Sept. 14 – Diane Smith from Bucks Audubon led the walk, which was lightly attended. Thank you to Erich and Jane for attending! Some highlights include 2 ravens soaring and the interaction of a young Coopers Hawk with a squirrel. 25 species identified:
 - <https://ebird.org/checklist/S195384121>
 - October 12 starting at 8:30 AM– Next Bird Walk at Neamand Trail behind Mohs Surgery Center. Trish Harrington from Chalfont Boro’s Bird Town will support the walk which will be led by Karin Isett. Info went out on the Township’s FB page and eNewsletter. Can anyone else attend?
 - YMCA/Girl Scout Native Plant Demo Garden Planning
 - Sept. 26: Met with Anthony from YMCA to review the site;
 - Sept 21: met with Mare at Gino’s Nursery with several of the Girl Scouts to discuss the importance of native plants, purchase the plants and load them into my truck.
 - Oct. 4: Chad ordered plant plugs from North Creek Nurseries – THANK YOU!
 - Oct. 21: Chad picking up plugs
 - Oct. 26: Planting will take place at YMCA
 - EAC has approved \$500 from the Bird Town Funds from Penn Community Bank donation and the girl scout troop has committed to \$500. YMCA is providing soil and mulch, watering and preparing the site.
 - Costs so far:
 - Gino’s Nursery: \$357
 - North Creek Nursery: \$576.07
 - Native Plant Garden report
 - 5 attendees at the September work day
 - 2 more work days this season (Oct & Nov)
 - Alice Marcy now leading the Master Gardeners
 - Ready for 100
 - Draft report on potential savings generated by Wilson Engineering and shared with the Township staff.
 - Benchmarked the building and it uses 86% more energy than similar type/use buildings
 - Recommended a full recommissioning of the building
 - LEED certification would have required full commissioning of the building, and that may not have been done for this building.
 - PA Solar Center
 - Non-Profit that works with municipalities on solar feasibility and install plan
 - Need to find a cost at around \$0.06/kw/hr to be cost effective since that is how we are billed by PECO

- PA Solar Center Fee \$725 for their scoping work
 - J. Baldassarre proposed that EAC spend \$725 for a feasibility study and EAC agreed to initiate the project with PA Solar Center

- YMCA garden progress
 - October 26 Install Date
 - Chad to follow-up on timing with Heidi on timing

- Roadside litter removal/adopt a street?

- Watershed Friendly properties
 - Ash Way update
 - Andrea will work on signage for the space

- Jim announced he will be stepping away from the EAC at the end of the year

- 7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00PM

Attendance:

James Baldassarre, Chair Marcello Mangano Jeff Cogshall
 Heidi Shiver, Vice-Chair Erich Neal Board Liaison- Judy Dixon
 Chad Clem, Secretary Curtis Sawyer Staff Liaison- Andrea Susten

Guest: