

**EAC MEETING MINUTES**

August 3, 2022

6:00 pm

## 1. Call to Order

The August 3, 2022 meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm with the following individuals in attendance. This meeting was held in person.

Jon West	Chair
Erica Antoine	Vice Chair
Joanne Walker	Secretary
Scott McCartney	Member
Brian Hutchinson	Member
Martha Simelaro	Commissioner
Megan Weaver	Assistant Township Manager
Deanna Logan	Administrative Assistant

Tom Alvarez and Denise Hull were absent

## 2. Minutes of June 1, 2022 and July 6, 2022

Upon motion of Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. McCartney the meeting minutes of June 1, 2022 and July 6, 2022 were approved unanimously.

## 3. Old Business

## a. Initiatives

## i. Environmental Education/Outreach

## Composting Workshop (9/21)

- Workshop will be capped at 20 Participants
- Cost of 1 bin is \$45 each – the EAC will subsidize \$25 per bin
- The event is open to residents only at \$20 per bin
- Community Pass will be used to process payments
- Mr. West will create a mail in form for payments
- 6 pm start time

- Upcoming Tabling Events

North Wales Community Day on September 24<sup>th</sup>

- There is a \$200 registration fee. Mr. West requested they waive the fee for the Township
- The event runs 11 am – 4 pm

Fall Fest on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 3 pm

- Possible Native Tree giveaway
- Residents can fill out Plastic Ban Survey to get tree
- Mrs. Logan suggested adding native plants or shrubs to those that are unable to plant trees
- Mr. Alvarez and Mr. Hutchinson will research native plants for fall planting.

ii. Renewable Energy, Resiliency and Sustainability Task Force

Mr. McCartney discussed PECO energy audits for residents. The audits cost \$50 each but the EAC can pay for the audit for up to 40 households (\$2000). Ms. Weaver will contact PECO to see if they will give us a discount on the audit and how the EAC can pay for it instead of the resident.

For 2023, the Task Force will focus on ordinances for Clean Energy and Stormwater Management as well as revisions to ordinances based on comments from the PEC/GSI audit. Ms. Weaver said it is up to the BOC to decide what initiatives they want to move forward. Mr. West suggested putting together a prioritized list for the BOC. Mr. McCartney said the Task Force will continue to review the 5-year capital plan to make some recommendations based on that plan. Ms. Weaver said the building renovations project has stalled due to the increased cost of building materials. It will be revisited in 2023.

iii. Natural Resources and Open Space (keep on agenda)

Mr. West recommends that this be a continuous initiative as it presents prominently in the Comprehensive Plan. He sent a memo to Wissahickon Trails about the Haines Run Project regarding a collaborative effort with community outreach as there is an opportunity for educating residents in making their properties more Watershed friendly. Ms. Weaver reported that new land development has an open space fee.

Mr. West will set up a meeting with Wissahickon Trails to discuss the collaboration.

- b. Tree City ordinance
  - Being drafted by Solicitor

Ms. Weaver asked the Solicitor to have something for the September meeting for the Committee to review.

- c. Review of pesticide/herbicide use in public spaces
  - Township pesticide/herbicide list

No update

- d. Regional Plastic Bag Ban
  - Surveys

Ms. Weaver said there are some legal concerns regarding the survey. Our Solicitor is looking into it. Mr. West reported there is a regional meeting at 6:30 pm on 8/4

Mr. McCartney reported a RCAP meeting next week.

#### 4. New Business

- a. Budget Report
- b. Annual priorities/initiatives and new FY budget request

Mr. West suggested we have a separate budget meeting prior to the September meeting. Everyone should share ideas for the 2023 budget. Mr. West will send out the current budget and what was spent YTD.

A discussion ensued on possibly subsidizing the tree “giveaway” instead of completely giving them away or having them fill out information to qualify for a tree.

Mrs. Walker suggested budget ideas in by August 17<sup>th</sup> and then the subcommittee meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Pizza Time Saloon.

#### 5. Assistant Township Manager’s Report

Ms. Weaver said there is a Doylestown EAC Summit on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The BOC is looking to do a leaf pick up program for residents. The BOC will decide this month on approving the advertisement of the bid. Ms. Weaver mentioned the BOC approved the authorization to advertise for the Ordinance updating stormwater language.

#### 6. Upcoming Workshops and Events

Mr. West reported that Wissahickon Trails is looking to coordinate a salt watch this winter. They want to get a baseline this fall in October. Mr. West and Mrs. Antoine will participate in the program.

#### 7. Adjournment

Mrs. Antoine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. McCartney, and adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Next Meeting September 7, 2022 @ 6 pm