



EAC MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2023

6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

The December 6, 2023 meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm with the following individuals in attendance.

Jon West	Chair
Scott McCartney	Vice Chair
Joanne Walker	Secretary
Mark Smith	Member
Tom Alvarez	Associate Member
Denise Hull	Commissioner
Megan Weaver	Assistant Township Manager
Deanna Logan	Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Martha Simelaro was absent.

Present from the public, Dennis Wendt

2. Minutes of November 1, 2023

Upon motion of Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting minutes of November 1, 2023 were approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

a. Initiatives

i. Environmental Education/Outreach

- Zero Waste Workshop – recap
 - 10 – 15 ppl attended the event
 - It was informative and interesting
 - Session was 2 hours in length
 - Mr. West will ask the presenter to send a list of 20 easy things for residents to do
 - We may consider having her back in the spring/summer under the pavilion or do it every other year
- 2024 Initiatives
 - Arbor Day Native Plant Giveaway April
 - i. Wissahickon Creek Cleanup is April 27th, which is the same day as the Plant Giveaway
 - ii. We can split the 2 events and use half the committee to work the plant giveaway and half to do the Creek Clean up

Mr. Alvarez and Mr. Smith selected the vendor and list of plants. Kevin from Clearview Nursery will provide wildflowers for the event. Potted plants are \$3.00 per pot. The selected plants include Butterfly Weed, Cone flower, Aster, Goldenrod, Cardinal Flower and Blazing Star. Alternates: Mountain Mint, Bee Balm, Hyssop. Clearview Nursery will provide free delivery. We will also give out trees, bushes and shrubs.

The cost for flowers is approximately \$1000.00 for 300 plants. Trees and bushes run \$2458.00 and will be purchased from Octorara Nursery. The budget is \$3650 for Arbor Day.

- Composting Workshop

The committee discussed combining this event with the Rain Barrel workshop in June - possibly during unplugged week.

- ii. Natural Resources and Open Space

- Haines Run Streambank Improvement Project

Nothing to report

- Comprehensive Recreation, Park & Open Space Plan

A public meeting was held on November 29th. The EAC can attend public meetings and provide feedback and possible recommendations and we can encourage residents to participate in the survey which is open for several months. Ms. Walker suggested they provide some activities for older adults. Mr. West would like the committee to review the open space and explore the GIS site for township owned open space and jot down suggestions for high level ideas. He asked that the committee submit their ideas by mid-January so we can provide recommendations prior to the next study committee meeting on January 24th. The next public meeting is on March 27th.

- iii. Regional Plastic Waste Reduction Initiative

A resident suggested at a past meeting that we work with businesses to reduce waste and provide some “seal of approval” from the EAC. We will continue to discuss this. Ms. Walker will research this initiative from a legal perspective.

4. Land Development

- a. Merck B41 Land Development

The EAC had no further comments except what is on the developer’s recommendation list. Ms. Weaver asked that a memo be provided. Ms. Walker will compose the memo.

203 Church Road will be distributed tomorrow for review for the development of 2 warehouse sites. Mr. McCartney will compile the comments into a memo.

5. New Business

- a. Meeting Date Change: October 7 change to September 30th
- b. Climate Action Plan: goals / resolution

The climate action plan will no longer move forward. The committee will redo their goals for 2024. They will look at the County Climate Action Plan.

- c. S. Broad Street Bike Lane Advisory Committee

Mrs. Hull said it was very well attended via Zoom.

d. EAC Vacancy

Ms. Chen resigned, which created a vacancy on the EAC. Mr. Smith said he spoke with Tom Steinmetz about joining the committee.

6. Assistant Township Manager's Report

Ms. Weaver said the E waste recycling tote collected 710 lbs. of waste and 85% is revenue generated. This tote is provided to us free of charge.

Wissahickon Trails is launching a meadow conversion project that is free of charge. Mr. Alvarez will send information to Ms. Weaver.

7. Adjournment

Upon motion by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Smith, Mr. West adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday, January 3, 2024 @ 6 pm