



EAC MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2021- 6:00 pm via ZOOM

1. Call to Order

The September 1, 2021 meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following individuals in attendance. This meeting was held virtually due to inclement weather.

Jon West	Chairman
Scott McCartney	Member
Brian Hutchinson	Member
Joanne Walker	Member
Tom Alvarez	Associate Member
Sandra Zadell	Township Manager
Martha Simelaro	Commissioner
Deanna Logan	Administrative Assistant

2. Minutes August 4, 2021

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Walker, and seconded by Mr. McCartney, the minutes of August 4, 2021 were unanimously approved.

3. Old Business

a. Initiatives

i. Environmental Education and Outreach

1. Potential programming with Parks & Rec for Fall/Winter

Heidi Lucas and Leigha Getty met on August 27th to discuss potential fall programming. The EAC is following developments and offers any support it may be able to lend.

2. Carnival and Fall Fest tabling and outreach

Mr. West has obtained a Watershed Friendly Property Program trifold display, tree filter table interactive display, macroinvertebrate ID game and various literature pamphlets for tabling events. Mrs. Antoine and Mr. McCartney will cover Saturday 9/11 carnival between 1-5 PM, weather permitting. Mr. West, Mrs. Walker and Mr. Hutchinson will cover Sunday carnival, weather permitting. Mr. West will coordinate with Mrs. Logan, Mr. McCartney and Mrs. Antoine for a pre-Carnival meetup to go over logistics and transfer materials.

PLEASE NOTE: We need a notepad and spreadsheet handy to take down comments that the public may have on EAC activities, comments/concerns, information requests, etc. as well as contact info. for potential volunteers.

**Mrs. Logan to send form to Jon for Fall Fest

3. Social Media Blasts

Please send any ideas for future blasts to Mrs. Walker

- ii. Tree City/Birdtown
 - 1. Ordinance Discussion
- iii. Watershed Friendly Property Program

Committee to continue to think of ideas for a potential pilot project.

- iv. Renewable/Sustainable Energy

PECO Path to Clean Initiative

- 4. New Business
 - i. 2022 Budget Request

Mrs. Walker presented a proposed Budget request totaling \$7500 with line items broken out. Mrs. Zadell felt that it was sufficiently detailed and reasonable for consideration by the BOC. Will be included in the BOC's budget review.

Mrs. Walker mentioned she is participating in an EAC forum in February and is hoping to get some ideas from the forum

- ii. Native Tree Sale and Plant Cutting Exchange

Mr. Alvarez secured an order with Octoraro Native Plant Nursery for a native tree/plant sale for 60 plants as follows:

Species	Redbud	Serviceberry	Red Oak	Black Gum
Container Size	#5	#2	#3	#2
Height	3-4'	18-24"	3-4'	2-3'
Quantity	15	15	15	15
Price	\$27.95	\$9.95	\$17.95	\$11.45
Total	\$419.25	\$149.25	\$269.25	\$171.75
Grand Total	\$1,009.50			

(doesn't include tax and shipping fees)

With the order secured, we are on target for this event to move forward.

We will need to discuss other details including the date of the April Arbor Day sale (Friday or Saturday) and whether to include some necessary supplies (mulch, deer protection), etc.

We should consider including a raffle and/or native plant cutting exchange.

We need to have a write up drafted in October for the Winter/Spring Newsletter. Confirm deadline

Consider how to allocate proceeds from Native Tree Sale. A couple of ideas could be Watershed Friendly Property Program pilot project or shade tree giveaway in the Fall.

iii. Future Workshops

iv. Wheatley Walk, 779-783 Sumneytown Pike Land Development review

Committee received a set of updated plans and comments, notably from Twp. Engineer addressing our previous comments.

Please review and provide any additional comments to Mr. McCartney before our next meeting for discussion.

Mr. McCartney is working on an EAC Plan Review Checklist. Input provided by Mr. West and Mrs. Antoine. Work on a template is ongoing

5. Liberty Bell Trail Study Advisory Committee

An Open House is scheduled for 10/7 at the UGT Township Building at 6:30 PM. We will help promote the Open House at the Carnival. PEC/Michael Baker will have a table promoting the Trail Study at Fall Fest.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting is on October 8th. Send any comments or questions you may have to Mr. West so he can relay at the meeting.

6. Township Manager's Report

Ms. Weaver will be transitioning to Administration liaison, effective November/December.

7. Upcoming Workshops and Events

- Perkiomen Watershed Fall Plant-A-Thon – Seeking volunteers for planting shade trees, riparian buffers, and rain gardens throughout the watershed at various dates in the Fall. Eight (8) locations this year. Nearest location is at a Towamencin tree farm and a rain garden at Jacob Rief Park. See information packet.
- Wissahickon Trails Walk the Wissahickon September 26th – Seeking volunteers to serve as hike leaders, car/walker assistance and lunch help. Hike starts at Parkside Place at 7:30 AM (volunteers). See information packet.
- Delaware Riverkeeper Network annual Watershed Congress Sept. 20-24. Virtual. Must register by Sept. 13. See information packet.
- PHS Tree Tenders Fall 2021 Bare Root Tree Offer (see information packet)

8. Adjournment

Mrs. Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. McCartney the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting October 6th, 2021 @ 6 pm